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STRENGTHENING OF POSTAL NETWORK  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the postal network in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to appoint an expert committee with the task of submitting a study report for strengthening the postal network by transforming each post office into a multifaceted service providing centres in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of post-offices upgraded/proposed to be upgraded in the country including Andhra Pradesh during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

- (a) Yes, Sir. It has been the endeavour of the Department to continuously strengthen the postal network in the country.
- (b) A target for opening of 3000 Branch Post Offices and 2000 Sub Post Offices was drawn up for the current Five Year Plan but since the financial approval for creation of new posts has not been received so far, the target could not be implemented.
- (c) No, Sir. At present there is no such proposal pending.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.
- (e) The number of Post Offices upgraded during the preceding three years is 11, 29 and 33 for the years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 respectively. The details thereof with special reference to Andhra Pradesh Circle is given in the Annexure. As regards current year the upgradation of Post Offices will be effected as and when need-based proposals are received and thereafter approved depending upon justification of workload and availability of manpower.