

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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INSURED POSTAL SERVICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the countries with which India has insured service facility for postal services/articles;
- (b) whether a number of countries like UK have discontinued this facility;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the financial loss to the postal department as a result thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to get the facility reintroduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

- (a) The names of the countries with which India has insurance service facility for postal services are given in the Annexure.
- (b) Yes, Madam. United Kingdom has discontinued the inbound insurance service for postal items for all postal service partners from April 2011.
- (c) Such decisions are taken independently by the postal administrations concerned.
- (d) Financial losses are negligible as the insurance service traffic (both inward and outward) with United Kingdom for the year 2010 and 2011 is only 161 articles.
- (e) Does not arise in view of (c) above.