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SAVINGS ACCOUNTS IN POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of savings accounts opened in the post offices across the country during the last three years and the current year for MNREGA payments with separate details of zero balance accounts, State-wise;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries who received MNREGA payments through post office accounts. State-wise including Odisha;
- (c) whether the inadequate number of post offices and staff therein in rural areas are the main reasons for delay in payment from the saving account;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the incentives provided by the Government to post offices to increase the number of saving accounts?

Answer

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

- (a) Circle-wise number of savings accounts and zero balance accounts for payment of MGNREGA wages is given at Annexure I.
- (b) Department does not maintain such information.
- (c) Sufficient staff, if required by temporarily supplementing the existing staff, is provided for disbursement of wages. Delay in payment has not been noticed due to the existing number of Post Offices and Staff.
- (d) Nil, in view of (c) above.
- (e) Government is not providing any incentive to Post Offices for increasing the number of savings accounts.