

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:252

ANSWERED ON:29.08.2012

POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS

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

- (a) the details of the villages having post and telegraph offices as on date along with the villages/village panchayats yet to be provided with post and telegraph offices. State-wise;
- (b) the number of proposals received from various State Governments for opening of new post and telegraph offices in their respective States and the action taken by the Government thereon State-wise;
- (c) the number of post offices and franchisee post offices proposed to be opened by the Government in the financial year 2012-13 and also proposed to be opened during the 12th Five Year Plan Period, State-wise;
- (d) the funds allocated and spent for the purpose during the last three years and the current year and also those earmarked for the 12th plan period;
- (e) whether the Government has sought private sector assistance for setting up of post offices in villages and also proposes to allow grant from MPLAD Funds Scheme for the purpose; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 252 FOR 29TH AUGUST, 2012 REGARDING 'POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS'

- (a) Circle-wise details of villages having Post Offices and villages/village panchayats without Post Offices (as on 31.03.2012) are given at Annexure-I. There is no Telegraph Office in villages.
- (b) Circle-wise number of proposals received from various State Governments during 2011-12 & 2012-13 (as on date) and action taken by the Department on those proposals is given at Annexure-II. There is no proposal from State Governments for opening of new Telegraph Offices.
- (c) Post Offices and Franchise Outlets are opened under the Plan Scheme - 'Access to the Postal Network'. This scheme has not been approved for 12th Five Year Plan. Department has however submitted a proposal for the Plan Scheme - 'Access to the Postal Network' to Planning Commission for opening of 12,310 Post Offices and 1,000 Franchise Outlets. As far as the financial year 2012-13 is concerned, a case for opening of 130 Post Offices and 250 Franchise Outlets is under examination.
- (d) Details of funds allocated and spent for opening of Post Offices and Franchise Outlets under the Plan Scheme - 'Access to the Postal Network' during the last three years and the current year are given as below:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Activity	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
1	Opening of Post Offices by relocation & redeployment	5.00	3.30	5.00	3.42
2	Opening of Franchise	1.00	0.30	1.00	1.00

1 Opening of Post Offices by relocation & redeployment (#) - 5.00 3.30 5.00 3.42 470.00 (##)

2 Opening of Franchise (#) - 1.00 0.30 1.00 1.00 20.00 (##)

Outlets

Total - - 6.00 3.60 6.00 4.42 490.00 -

(#) The Plan Scheme was approved only in August. 2009.

(##) Funds will be utilised after the approval of the Plan Scheme.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise in view of (e) above.