

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POST OFFICES IN VILLAGES

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

- (a) whether India has the largest postal network in the world but still a large number of villages are without post offices in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the time by which all the villages are provided with post offices along with the villages likely to be provided with post offices during Twelfth Five Year Plan;
- (d) whether all the existing post offices have been computerized and provided with electronic money order facilities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which such facilities are provided in each of the post offices, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Dr. (SMT.) KILLI KRUPARANI)

(a) to (c): Yes Madam, India has the largest number of Post Offices in the world. However, 5,00,327 villages are without Post Offices in the country. Circle-wise number of villages without Post Offices (as on 31.3.2012) is given in the Annexure. Opening of Post Offices is an on-going process. New Post Offices are opened as per the prescribed norms and subject to availability of Plan funds and manpower. It has been proposed to open 80 Branch Post Offices and 50 Sub-Post Offices in the country during the current financial year (2012-13). The proposal for opening of new Post Offices during the remaining years of the 12th Plan has not been finalized.

(d) & (e): No, Madam. 24,969 departmental Post Offices have been computerized, out of which 21,606 Post Offices have been provided electronic money order facilities. The Department has a plan to provide these services through all Post Offices in phased manner and it is expected to be completed during the current Plan.