

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1596  
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SELLING OF GOLD COINS THROUGH POST OFFICES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has started selling gold coins through Post Offices in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total quantity of gold coins sold by various post offices and the revenue earned therefrom, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to expand this scheme in all over the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government has fixed any target for the next three years in the country; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As of now 466 Posts Offices are selling gold coins in 16 Postal Circles across the country. These gold coins are of 0.5 gm, 1 gm, 5 gms and 8 gms. Total revenue earned by the Department of Posts from the Gold Coins project from 14th October, 2008 to 17th November, 2009 is Rs. 2,08,52,394/-.

(c) The total quantity of gold coins sold by various post offices and the revenue earned State-wise since commencement of the project from 14.10.2008 to 17.11.2009 is as follows:

STATE    Gms of Gold coins sold    Commission

ANDHRA PRADESH	8,367.0	558,477
BIHAR	1,557.0	112,182
CHHATTISGARH	2,423.0	176,614
DELHI	21,917.5	1,402,799
GUJARAT	33,882.0	2,174,198
HARYANA	1,378.5	98,905
JHARKHAND	2,975.0	208,250
KARNATAKA	28,972.0	1,890,258
KERALA	16,002.5	1,126,144
MADHYA PRADESH	24,485.0	1,606,713
MAHARASHTRA	11,323.0	715,139
PUNJAB	5,838.0	388,718
RAJASTHAN	5,568.5	392,687
TAMIL NADU	129,536.5	8,826,122
UTTAR PRADESH	11,358.05	816,240
WEST BENGAL	5,193.0	358,948

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. Department of Posts reviews the project from time to time and based on requirement the scope of the project is expanded.

(f) & (g) No Sir. The Department has not fixed any target for the next 3 years.