

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POST OFFICES IN THE COUNTRY

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

- (a) the total number of Post Offices in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the Post Offices which were closed down during the last three years and the current year and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of Post Offices proposed to be opened in the country during the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether any proposal has been received from the Railway Ministry to operate Railway Passengers Reservation System through Post Offices; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard so far?

Answer

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

- (a): Circle-wise number of Post Offices in the country (as on 31.3.2012) is at Annexure-I.
- (b): Circle-wise number of Post Offices closed down during 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 & 2012-13 is at Annexure-II.
- (c): Circle-wise number of Post Offices proposed to be opened by redeployment & relocation in the country during the current financial year is at Annexure-III.
- (d) & (e): The Department of Posts has been providing Railway Passenger Reservation (booking/ cancellation) facility through Post Offices in association with Ministry of Railways since 2007. As on 31st December, 2012 this service was being offered through 220 Post Offices.