GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:582 ANSWERED ON:08.05.2013 POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK Chaudhary Shri Arvind Kumar;Joshi Shri Mahesh

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

- (a) the details of the Post Office Savings Banks (POSB) functioning separately in the rural and the urban areas and the share of post office savings in total rural savings in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide ATM facility to POSB account holders and if so, the details thereof along with the ATM installed and proposed to be installed, State-wise;
- (c) the number of agents for post office savings working in the country;
- (d) whether cases of alleged financial irregularities/fraud by postal employees and agents in post office savings have been reported in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government against them?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) 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 (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 582 FOR 8TH MAY, 2013 REGARDING "POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK"

- (a) Madam, information is under collection and will be laid on the Table of the House.
- (b) Yes, Madam. So far, no ATM has been installed. The State-wise detail of ATMs proposed to be installed is placed at Annexure-A.
- (c) As on 31.3.2013, there were 3,04,259 agents working for mobilizing funds for Small Savings Schemes.
- (d) Yes Madam.
- (e) The details of financial irregularities/fraud by postal employees and agents in post office savings reported in 2012-13 may be seen in the attached Annexure-B.