

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FRANCHISEE POST OFFICES
Das Shri Ram Sundar;Karwariya Shri Kapil Muni

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

- (a) the details of special counters/franchisee postal outlets opened in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, year-wise, circle and State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has made any assessment of the performance of these outlets;
- (c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to open such outlets in those regions where basic postal services are not available; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said outlets are likely to be set up?

Answer

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

- (a) Circle-wise details of franchise postal outlets opened in the country during each of the last three years and current year are at Annexure.
- (b)&(c) Yes, Madam. The performance of franchise outlet scheme was assessed in 2007-08 and it was found that the scheme was meeting its intended objectives.
- (d)&(e) Yes, Madam. The Franchise Scheme provides for opening of franchise outlets in such urban areas where there is justification for opening of post office but is not possible to open it due to some reasons. Opening of franchise outlets is an ongoing activity.