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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) whether all the villages in the country have been provided with post office facility;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of new post offices opened during the year 2012-13 and proposed to be opened in the current financial year, location and State-wise including Assam and Bihar;
- (d) the present status of modernization and upgradation of post offices in the country, State-wise;
- (e) whether targets for modernization and upgradation set over last three years have been met; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the financial assistance provided for the same during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Department through a network of 1,39,086 post offices in rural areas is providing services of clearance of letter boxes, regular delivery of mail and sale of stamps & stationery at the doorstep of every customer in all the villages, irrespective of terrain. The Circle-wise number of post offices in rural areas (as on 31.03.2012) is at Annexure-I. In addition to sale through postal outlets, sale of stamps and stationery is also being offered through postmen/ delivery agents, while they are on their regular visits to respective beats.

(c) The Circle-wise number of new post offices opened during the year 2012-13 and post offices decided to open during current financial year 2013-14 including Assam and Bihar are at Annexure-II.

(d) 2,515 Post Offices have been modernised and upgraded under the 'Look and Feel' component of the Project Arrow. The Circle-wise details are at Annexure-III.

(e) & (f) 98.24% physical target for modernisation of Post Offices was met in the last three years. The year-wise details targets, achievements and financial outlays are as under:

Financial Year	Target (No. of Post Offices)	Achievement (No. of Post Offices)	Financial Outlay (Rs. in Crore)
2010-11	530	525	83.86
2011-12	229	207	26.09
2012-13	780	780	74.00
2013-14 (Target)	110		7.49