

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SPEED POST SERVICES .
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of speed post centres in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of districts and villages covered under the said service, State-wise;
- (c) whether a large number of village blocks and district head quarters including Hubli have not been covered under the service;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the steps taken by the Government to provide speed post facilities to uncovered village blocks and districts; and
- (e) the time by which all the district head quarters and villages are likely to be provided with speed post facilities?

Answer

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

- (a) The network and number of Speed Post Centers has been restructured under Mail Network Optimization Project of the Department of Posts. Speed Post Centers are either National Speed Post Sorting Hubs or Intra-Circle Sorting Hubs. There are 89 National Speed Post Sorting Hubs and 146 Intra Circle Sorting Hubs. The list of National Sorting Hubs and Intra Circle Hubs, state-wise, is enclosed as Annexure – 'A'.
- (b) The State-wise number of districts covered under Speed Post service is enclosed as Annexure - 'B'. Departmental Post offices situated in rural area are providing Speed Post booking facility and Branch Post Offices are not authorised for Speed Post booking. However, delivery of Speed Post articles destined to villages is provided across the country.
- (c) No, all District head-quarters are covered under Speed Post service. Village block level data is not maintained separately, however, all departmental Post offices except a few Post Offices situated in remote and hilly areas are providing Speed Post service. Out of 47 villages in Hubli, Speed Post booking facility is available in 3 villages and Speed Post delivery is provided in all the 47 villages.
- (d) & (e) Providing Speed Post Service is an ongoing process at all levels in the country including the village level. Speed Post Service is provided taking into account the customer needs, expected volume of business, economic viability, operational feasibility and availability of appropriate transport.