

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS

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

- (a) whether the Government is restructuring the Small savings schemes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) 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;
- (d) the number of post offices provided with ATM facilities, State-wise;
- (e) the number of agents for post office savings in the country and the details of cases of alleged financial irregularities/fraud by postal employees and agents in post office savings reported so far; and
- (f) the action taken by the Government against them?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) The details of the Post office Savings Banks (POSB) functioning separately in the rural and urban areas and the share of post office savings in total rural savings in the country may be seen in the attached Annexure-A and Annexure-B.
- (d) Facilities of ATM have not been provided in any Post Office so far.
- (e) & (f) As on 31.03.2013, there were 3,04,259 agents working for mobilizing funds for Small Savings Schemes. The details of financial irregularities/fraud by postal employees and agents in post office savings reported so far in 2012-13 and the action taken by the Government against them may be seen in the attached Annexure-C.