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MODERNISATION AND UPGRADATION OF POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices modernised, computerised and upgraded so far along with the funds allocated for the same in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether targets set over the last three years have been met;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to modernise and upgrade post offices in the country;

(d) the details of ATMs set up so far or proposed to be set up in various parts of the country, State-wise including Tamil Nadu;

(e) whether there is a proposal to interconnect all the post offices in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) The number of post offices modernized, computerized and upgraded so far in the country up to 31.03.2013 is tabulated below.

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      No. of Post  Funds Allotted
Sl. Postal  offices   (from FY 08-09 to FY 12-13)
 Circle    Computerised  (in crores)
1 AP  2344   44.86
2 Assam  632   5.03
3 Bihar  1043   21.25
4 Chhattisgarh 343   7.61
5 Delhi  393   10.88
6 Gujarat  1329   32.26
7 Haryana  490   10.43
8 HP  462   11.80
9 J&K  252   4.54
10 Jharkhand 455   8.26
11 Karnataka 1683   38.62
12 Kerala  1508   33.56
13 MP  1075   19.98
14 Maharashtra 2220   57.97
15 North-East 378   3.80
16 Odisha  1192   23.59
17 Punjab  771   21.15
18 Rajasthan 1334   24.43
19 Tamil Nadu 2578   54.28
20 UP  2540   50.53
21 Uttarakhand 383   6.96
22 West Bengal## 1740   41.73
 Total  25145   533.52
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includes the state of Goa # includes the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura ## Includes the state of Sikkim

(b) Yes, Madam

(c) The details of the departmental Post Offices computerized/modernized as per targets over the last three years is tabulated below.

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Postal
Circle  2010-11 POs 2011-12 POs 2012-13 POs Total
AP  1530  60  0  1590
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Assam  1  0  0  1
Bihar  593  88  46  727
Chhattisgarh 187  9  3  199
Delhi  68  33  3  134
Gujarat  491  67  2  560
Haryana  176  35  1  212
HP  198  0  0  198
J&K  89  34  0  123
Jharkhand 231  24  12  267
Karnataka 863  4  0  867
Kerala  368  70  0  438
MP  577  16  6  599
Maharashtra 855  138  5  998
North-East 70  13  0  83
Odisha  706  7  0  713
Punjab  324  3  1  328
Rajasthan 851  47  14  912
Tamil Nadu 1035  63  30  1128
UP  1304  175  27  1506
Uttarakhand 181  9  0  190
West Bengal 713  59  26  798
Total  11411  954  176  12571
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Moreover, the Government of India has approved the IT Modernisation Project of the Department of Posts, for upgrading the technological infrastructure and service delivery capabilities of all its post offices, mail offices administrative & other offices, through establishment of IT infrastructure including Data Centre and Disaster Recovery Centre, Wide Area Network (WAN) based networking of the departmental offices alongwith development of scalable, modular and integrated software covering all the operations of the Department of Posts, as also supply of ICT hardware devices and connectivity to the branch Post Offices in the rural areas.

(d) So far no ATM has been set up. The Department has planned to set up 1000 ATMs initially as part of The IT Modernization Project in various part of the country, including in Tamil Nadu. Tentative distribution list at present is as follows.

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Sl. No. Name of the Postal No of  Sl. No.  Name of the   No of
 Circle    ATMs    Postal Circle ATMs
1 Andhra Pradesh 95 12 Kerala    56
2 Assam   26 13 Madhya Pradesh  52
3 Bihar   44 14 Maharashtra  75
4 Chattisgarh 14 15 North-East  23
5 Delhi  26 16 Odisha  44
6 Gujarat  41 17 Punjab  26
7 Haryana  20 18 Rajasthan  64
8 Himachal Pradesh 22 19 Tamil Nadu  94
9 Jammu & Kashmir 13 20 Uttar Pradesh  88
10 Jharkhand 19 21 Uttarakhand 18
11 Karnataka 76 22 West Bengal## 64
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(e) Yes, Madam.

(f) All the Departmental Post Offices will be brought under Wide Area Network (WAN) under IT Modernisation Project of the Department. The status of networking as on 05-02-2014 state-wise is as under:

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Sl. Name of the Postal Circle Total number of Offices connected under WAN
1. Assam    539
2. Andhra Pradesh  1126
3. Bihar    255
4. Chattisgarh  114
5. Delhi    251
6. Gujarat   564
7 Himachal Pradesh  90
8. Haryana    228
9. Jammu & Kashmir  55
10. Jharkhand  113
11. Karnataka  1652
12. Kerala  146
13. Madhya Pradesh  320
14. Maharashtra  1864
15. North-East  23
16. Odisha   186
17. Punjab   708
18. Rajasthan  1225
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19. Tamil Nadu    2595
20. Uttar Pradesh   2571
21. Uttarakhand   134
22. West Bengal##   274
 Total    15033
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