

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF POSTAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the opening of fake postal savings accounts in the post offices across in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to introduce a core banking facility for post offices in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. 457 Savings Accounts have been opened fraudulently, adopting various modus-operandi, in different Post offices across the country and amount involved is Rs 4,81,14,821.75;
- (c) Police/CBI cases have been registered, disciplinary action initiated against the officials responsible and instructions have been issued to obtain Know Your Customer (KYC) documents at the time of opening of accounts.
- (d) to (f) Yes. Introduction of Core Banking facility is part of the ongoing IT modernization project that aims to bring in various IT solutions with the required IT infrastructure to the Post Offices. Department of Posts has planned to implement core banking facility in all departmental Post Offices. Core Banking facility has already been rolled out in 881 Post Offices.