

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POSTAL SERVICES IN REMOTE BACKWARD AREAS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up new Post Offices and Sub-post Offices with a view to facilitate access of postal services in remote and extremely backward areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which new post offices are likely to be opened, State/location-wise;
- (c) the details and number of Post Offices opened especially in rural areas during each of the last three years and the current year, State and location-wise;
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating to set up Post Offices in each village of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the criteria set in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. Opening of new Post Offices by relocation and redeployment including Post Offices in remote and extremely backward areas, is an ongoing activity. This is taken up under Plan scheme subject to fulfillment of certain prescribed norms, availability of Plan support and manpower.
- (b) 80 Branch Post Offices (BOs) and 80 Sub-Post Offices (SOs) are proposed to be opened by relocation and redeployment under Plan Scheme during current financial year 2014-15. The Postal Circle-wise allocation of physical targets for opening of these Post Offices is at Annexure-I. The State-wise/ location-wise information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.
- (c) Postal Circle-wise number of Post Offices opened by relocation and redeployment under Plan Scheme during last three years and the current year [upto 31.10.2014] is at Annexure-II. The State-wise and location-wise information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.
- (d) No, Madam, as the setting up of a new Post Office in any village is subject to fulfillment of prescribed norms.
- (e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.