

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGRICULTURE POSTAL SERVICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start the agricultural postal service through the existing post office in the country to ensure the delivery of quality seeds to the farmers;
- (b) if so, the number of States and districts which are likely to be covered under the agriculture postal service at the first stage and the time by which the same is likely to be started, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide several facilities including delivery of quality seeds to the farmers through the said service; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. The Government has already started implementing this model in 60 districts of 14 States including Rajasthan. It is also proposed to cover 40 more districts in the second phase by Kharif, 2016. Various technologies and products including quality seeds of improved varieties of cereals, oilseeds vegetable and flower are to be disseminated. Besides this Bio-fertilisers, Pusa Hydrogel and other technologies developed from time to time are also to be taken to the farmers.