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SAVING ACCOUNTS OF GIRL CHILD IN POST OFFICES

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

- (a) whether the Central Government proposes to open saving accounts of girl child in Post Offices under the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria fixed along with the targets set therefor, State-wise; and
- (c) the facilities proposed to be provided to the girl child under the scheme?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) A new Small Savings Scheme called 'Sukanya Samridhi Account' for the welfare of Girl Child has been launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 22nd January, 2015 in Panipat, Haryana in a programme on "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" campaign. The eligibility criteria fixed for opening of Sukanya Samridhi Account is the age of girl child, which should be between zero to ten years at the time of opening of the account. The details of the scheme and the facilities proposed to be provided to the girl child are at Annexure-I. Postal Circle wise targets set for this scheme are at Annexure-II.