

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Small Saving Schemes
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the payment of maturity amount of Management Information System, National Savings Certificate and Kisan Vikas Patra, if exceeds Rs. 20,000/- is made by outstation cheque by the post offices which results into the deduction of collection charges by the banks and delay in payments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce other mechanism to make payment of matured saving certificates by local cheque or through net banking to the customers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) No Madam. Now all cheques issued by post offices in lieu of maturity value of Small Savings Instruments exceeding Rs 20000/- are local cheques. They are cleared under Cheque Truncation System (CTS). No collection charges are levied even if collecting or paying bank is located in different city but within the jurisdiction of the same CTS grid.
- (b) Does not arise in view of above.
- (c) & (d) All customers of Small Savings Schemes are issued local cheques for depositing in their bank accounts. They also have the option to credit payment of matured Savings Instruments to their Post Office Savings Accounts.