

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

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Grameen Dak Sewaks
Khuba Shri Bhagwanth

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

- (a) the details and the number of Gramin Dak Sewaks working in the country especially in rural areas, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to appoint Gramin Dak Sewaks as postman and Multi-Task Staff (MTS) and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria fixed for the selection/appointment of Dak Sewaks as postman and MTS; and
- (d) the time by which these Dak Sewaks are likely to be appointed as postman and MTS?

Answer

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

(a) The number of Gramin Dak Sewaks working in the country especially in rural areas, States-wise (including UTs) is 243443. The details are annexed in Annexure '1'.

(b & c) There is no such proposal, however, it is an ongoing process. As per the Department of Posts (Postman and Mail Guard) Recruitment Rules, 2010, 50% vacancies of Postman are filled up by direct recruitment on the basis of Competitive Examination Limited to Gramin Dak Sevaks of the recruitment division who have worked for at least five years in that capacity as on the 1st day of January of the year to which the vacancy(ies) belong, failing which from amongst GDSs of the neighbouring Division/Units on the basis of the said Examination, failing which by direct recruitment from open market. Also as per Department of Posts (Multi-Tasking Staff) RRs, 2015, MTS vacancies are filled up by various methods:

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(i) 25% by Direct Recruitment from amongst GDSs of the recruiting Division or Unit, on the basis of selection cum seniority, failing which by; direct recruitment from amongst GDSs of the neighbouring Divisions or Units on the basis of Selection-cum-seniority.

(ii) 25% by Direct Recruitment on the basis of Competitive Examination restricted to GDSs of the Division or Unit failing which; by direct recruitment from amongst GDS of recruiting Division or unit, on the basis of selection cum seniority.

(iii) 25% by Direct Recruitment on the basis of Competitive examination restricted to the GDS of recruiting Division or Unit for joining APS only as Sepoy/Packer.

(d) The appointment of Gramin Dak Sewaks as Postman and MTS as per Recruitment Rules is an ongoing process. As and when the vacancies arise and are notified to fill up the posts, the GDSs, who are holders of Civil Posts but are outside the regular Civil Service and are eligible for applying and appointment to any of the posts of MTS and Postman can apply under the prescribed provisions of the Recruitment Rules.3-

Annexure -1

Working Strength of GDS in Rural Area in the
States including U.Ts as on 31.03.2015

S.No. Circle Total
1-a Andhra Pradesh 15058
1-b Telengana 8924
2 Assam 7757
3 Bihar 16857
4 Chhattisgarh 4839
5 Delhi 82
6 Gujarat 12255
7 Haryana 3763
8 Himachal Pradesh 6166
9 Jammu & Kashmir 2574
10 Jharkhand 5910
11 Karnataka 13292
12 Kerala 9726

13 Madhya Pradesh 11061
14-a Maharashtra 19215
14-b Goa 339
15-a Arunachal Pradesh (NE-State) 466
15-b Manipur (NE-State) 1760
15-c Meghalaya (NE-State) 814
15-d Mizoram (NE-State) 723
15-e Nagaland (NE-State) 746
15-f Tripura (NE-State) 1300
16 Odisha 13681
17 Punjab 5733
18 Rajasthan 13034
19 Tamil Nadu 19306
20 Uttar Pradesh 27685
21 Uttrakhand 5979
22-a West Bengal 13959
22-b Sikkim 439
Total :- 243443
