

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to reduce the commission paid to agents on the post office recurring deposits in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the incentive/commission payable to Postal Small Savings agents has remained unpaid for a long time in the country;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has received any representations from the representatives of postal agents from various States including Telangana in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect the families of postal agents from penury?

Answer

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

(a) Madam, there is no proposal to reduce commission paid to agents on the post office recurring deposits in the country.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) to (f) At present commission to Postal Small Savings agents is paid at source. However, commission for the period 2000-2014 belonging to few Public Provident Fund (PPF) agents of Mumbai Region has been paid after due verification of the claims. This has been done in view of reports of fraudulent claims in that region. In case of Mumbai Region, Government had received a letter dated 23.03.2010 from All India Mahila Pradhan and Small Savings Agents Confederation, New Delhi and a letter dated 24.05.2014 of Small Savings Agent's Welfare Association, Ghatkopar (West), Mumbai through Dr. Kirti Somaiya, MP.