

[Translations]

**Opening of Post Offices in villages of Faizabad District (U.P.)**

1723 SHRI NIRMAL KHATRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages in Faizabad district (UP) which had no Post Offices at the end of 1984;

(b) whether Government propose to open Post Offices in these villages; and

(c) the priorities and criteria laid down in this regard ?

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(b) and (c). It is proposed to open Post Offices in such villages which fulfil the norms laid down by the Department in a phased manner every year subject to the availability of funds etc.

A copy of the existing norms is enclosed as statement.

**Statement**

*New norms for opening of Post Offices in rural areas :*

Post Offices to be opened in rural areas have now been classified into two main categories :—

1. Post Offices in normal rural areas; and
2. Post Offices in tribal or backward areas.

*(1) Post Offices in normal rural areas :*

(i) Post Offices in gram-panchayat villages may be opened subject to the following conditions :

- (a) There is no other Post Office within the radius of 3 Kms. from the proposed Post Office; and
- (b) The proposed Post Office is expected to yield income to the extent of atleast 25 per cent of its estimated cost.

(ii) Post Offices in non gram-Panchayat villages may be opened subject to the following conditions ;—

- (a) The population of the village should be 2,000 or more;
- (b) There is no other Post Office within the radius of 3 Kms. from the proposed office; and
- (c) The Post Office is expected to yield income to the extent of atleast 25% of its estimated cost.

*(2) Post Offices in tribal and backward areas :*

(i) Post Offices in gram-Panchayat villages may be opened subject to the following conditions:

- (a) There is no other Post Office within the radius of 3 Kms. from the proposed Post Office; and
- (b) The proposed Post Office is expected to yield income to the extent of atleast 10 per cent of its estimated cost.

(ii) Post Offices in non gram-Panchayat villages may be opened subject to the following conditions :—

- (a) The village or (an integrated cluster of villages within a radius of 1.5Kms.) should have a population of 1,000 or more;
- (b) There should not be another Post Office within the radius of 3 Kms. from the proposed Post Office; and
- (c) The proposed Post Office is expected to yield income to the extent of atleast 10% of its estimated cost.

(3) Notwithstanding the above, the Post-masters General are hereby empowered to relax (in consultation with the Internal Financial Adviser) any of the above cited norms in 10 per cent of the case in opening of Post Offices every year.

**Opening of Outlets for Diesel and Kerosene in Madhy Pradesh**

[English]

1724. SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :