

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2276
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VACANCIES IN POSTAL DEPARTMENT
GADDE RAMAMOCHAN

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of vacancies lying vacant in the Department of Posts in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the time by which the said vacancies are likely to be filled up;
- (c) the number of post offices functioning in the State at present;
- (d) the per capita post offices in Andhra Pradesh in comparison to other Southern States;
- (e) whether the government propose to open new post offices in the State during 2000-2001;
- (f) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Posts lying vacant in the Department of Posts in Andhra Pradesh are as under:-

Group-A - 6
Group-B - 843
Group-D - 104

(b) Promotional posts in Group `A` and Group `C` will be filled through Departmental Promotion Committee and departmental examinations. However, direct recruitment vacancies in Group `C` and `D` cadres can be filled after lifting of the present ban on recruitment.

(c) The number of Post Offices functioning in Andhra Pradesh at present is 16,192.

(d) Average population served per Post Office in Andhra Pradesh is 4,097 and average population served per post office in Southern States is 5299.

(e) Yes Sir.

(f) A target of opening 15 new Branch Post Offices and 2 new Sub-Post Offices has been fixed for Andhra Pradesh for the year 2000-2001. Opening of new post offices is subject to the fulfilment of departmental norms and sanctioning of required posts by Ministry of Finance.

(g) Does not arise by view of reply at (f) above.