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SPEED POST FACILITIES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of districts in Himachal Pradesh where speed post facilities have not been provided so far in the Post Offices;
- (b) whether the Government propose to extend speed post facilities to some more districts and sub-divisions of the State; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SH THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) Out of 12 districts in HP State, Speed Post facility is not available in one District i.e. Lahaul & Spiti. The District Head Quarter of Lahaul & Spiti is Keylong which remains closed to vehicular traffic in winter for about 6 months due to closure of Rohtang Pass on account of heavy snow fall.

(b)&(c): Speed Post is a premium product and is run on commercial consideration. Expansion of Speed Post network is an on-going process. Extending the service to a particular place will depend on market requirements, customer needs, expected business and connectivity required for maintaining service standards.