

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

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REVIEW OF SUBSIDY ON POSTAL SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to review the subsidy on postal services and products;
- (b) if so, whether the department has pointed out that there is no justification for subsidising services like registration, newspapers, postal orders and money orders; and
- (c) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. S PASWAN)

(a) to (c): The Department is making continuous efforts to reduce budgetary support by mobilizing additional resources through premium products like Speed Post Express Parcel Post, Business Post, Media Post etc. and generating higher revenue by containing leakage of revenue and introducing new technology viz. Electronic Franking Machine, and Value Added Services like Greeting Post, Data Post, Passport service etc. Features of different postal services are fixed keeping in view all relevant considerations including their importance as social service, and these are decided at the appropriate time.