

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:258  
ANSWERED ON:06.08.2003  
SPEED POST SERVICE  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Speed Post Service is not available even in certain State capitals and major cities of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the year-wise details of increase in business of the Speed Post Service during the last three years; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to provide Speed Post Service in more and more towns of the country, make it compete with other private courier services in respect of rates and ensure better functioning of the Speed Post Centres?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DISINVESTMENT (ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STA QUESTION NO. 258 FOR 6TH AUGUST, 2003 REGARDING SPEED POST SERVICE.

(a) & (b): Speed Post Service is available in all the States and has a network linking 140 major cities as well as 762 towns and district headquarters.

(c) Year Traffic Revenue  
(in lakhs) (in crores)

2000-01	377.77	151.44
2001-02	527.97	196.53
2002-03	634.07	243.01

(d) Speed Post services are extended to more and more towns of the country based on business and operational parameters. This is an ongoing process.

In order to compete with private courier services in respect of rates, the Department offers structured volume based discounts and credit facilities to bulk customers as also larger discounts to commercially Very Important Customers. For ensuring better functioning of Speed Post Centres, the Department has drawn up plans for upgradation and computerization of booking and delivery offices and strengthening of the Track and Trace (Speed Net) facilities.