

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UPGRADATION OF POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Post Offices located in the villages of Shaikhpura, Lakhisarai, Jamui, Begusarai and Munger districts of Bihar;
- (b) the number of Post Offices targeted to be upgraded in Bihar during the Ninth Five Year Plan and the budgetary allocation made for this purpose;
- (c) the actual number of post offices upgraded during the said period in the State and the district-wise expenditure incurred thereon; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to modernise/upgrade the remaining post offices of the State?

Answer

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

- (a) The number of Post Offices located in the villages of Shaikhpura, Lakhisarai, Jamui, Begusarai and Munger districts are as under:

Shaikhpura - 90
Lakhisarai - 87
Jamui - 147
Begusarai - 230
Munger - 83

- (b)&(c): No Post Office was targeted to be upgraded during the 9th Five Year Plan and no budget was allocated for that purpose.

(d) During IX Plan, 71 Post Offices in Bihar were modernized by improving their ergonomics. During the X Plan, the target is to modernize 70 Post Offices by 2007, of which 15 Post Offices are to be taken up in the current year. In addition, 33 Post Offices in Bihar have been computersied under the Plan scheme for computerization of post offices. Upgradation of 16 Departmental Sub Post Offices as Mukhya Dak Ghar is also under consideration.