

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:196  
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OPENING OF POST TELEGRAPH OFFICES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of post/telegraph offices opened during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether post offices in rural areas do not have adequate number of staff;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government propose to review the norms and open more post/telegraph offices; and
- (e) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The details of post offices opened during the last three years, State-wise is given in Annex-I. The details of telegraph offices opened during the last three years, State-wise is given in Annex-II
- (b) No Sir, Post Offices in rural areas have adequate staff, as there is facility to redeploy staff from post offices that do not have adequate workload.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.
- (d) & (e): Norms for opening post offices are reviewed from time to time in consultation with Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance, taking into account the status of postal facilities, demand for business, extent of Government support required to provide services etc. As regards telegraph facilities, telegraph offices are opened on the basis of demand and justification of traffic. Wherever public telephones facility is provided in rural post offices, telegraph facility is also provided.

**ANNEXURE-I**

Circle wise Post Offices opened during last three years

Sl.No	Circle	Number of Post Offices		
		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1	Andhra Pradesh	8	3	3
2	Assam	33	37	16
3	Bihar	71	38	15
4	Chhattisgarh	26	26	21
5	Delhi	6	4	2
6	Gujarat	12	20	15
7	Haryana	3	1	1
8	Himchal Pradesh	3	5	2
9	J&K	6	13	5
10	Jharkhand	1	1	8
11	Karnataka	23	15	9
12	Kerala	5	3	3
13	Madhya Pradesh	18	24	17
14	Maharashtra	67	75	38
15	North East	6	15	10
16	Orissa	12	16	11
17	Punjab	14	14	6

18	Rajasthan	22	24	20
19	Tamil Nadu	17	7	6
20	Uttar Pradesh	45	40	19
21	Uttaranchal	7	16	4
22	West Bengal	10	59	35

TOTAL 415 456 266

- Gujarat includes Daman and Diu
- Maharashtra includes Goa
- Kerala includes Lakshdweep Islands
- North East includes Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura
- Punjab includes Chandigarh
- Tamil Nadu includes Pondicherry
- West Bengal includes Sikkim

ANNEXURE-II

Details of Telegraph Offices newly opened during the last three years- State-wise

S.l. No. Name of State No. of Telegraph Offices

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	Total	
1	A &N	-	-	-	
2	Andhra Pr	-	-	-	
3	Assam	-	-	-	
4	Bihar	-	-	-	
5	Chhattisgarh	-	-	-	
6	Gujrat	-	-	-	
7	Haryana	-	-	-	
8	Himchal Pr	-	-	-	
9	J&K	-	-	-	
10	Jharkhand	-	-	-	
11	Karnataka	-	-	-	
12	Kerala	-	2	1	3
13	Madhya Pr.	-	-	-	-
14	Maharashtra	1	-	-	1
15	North East-I	-	-	-	-
16	North East-II	-	-	-	-
17	Orissa	-	-	-	-
18	Punjab	-	2	-	2
19	Rajasthan	-	-	-	-
20	Tamil Nadu	-	-	1	1
21	U. Pradesh (E)	-	-	-	-
22	U. Pradesh (W)	-	-	-	-
23	Uttaranchal	-	-	-	-
24	West Bengal	-	-	-	-
25	Delhi	-	-	-	-

Total 1 4 2 7