

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:346
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LICENCED POSTAL AGENTS
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have revived the scheme of Licensed Postal Agents;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the revival of the said Scheme;
- (c) the number of Postal Agents given licence under various Postal Circles as on date; and
- (d) the State-wise details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SRI P. VISU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. However a scheme to set up Dak Sewa Kendras, which will provide the facility for sale of stamps and stationery and for booking of registered articles, speed post articles etc. through existing outlets providing various public facilities in urban areas, is on the anvil. The scheme seeks to provide basic postal facilities in emerging urban areas where post offices are not justified as per norms, cannot be provided due to want of convenient accommodation etc., and also to extend access to these services beyond working hours of a post office or on holidays.

(c) & (d): No licenses have been issued for Dak Sewa Kendras till date as the scheme has not yet been announced.