

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEMATERIALIZING OF POSTAL SAVINGS INSTRUMENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken a decision to dematerialise the postal savings instruments;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the purpose behind the dematerialisation of postal savings instruments; and
- (d) the charges to be levied on investors in this connection?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): A six-month pilot on `Dematerialization of Savings Certificates` (NSC/KVP) has started from 16th October, 2003 to give the option to the investors in 10 Post offices of Mumbai to get their NSC & KVP in a dematerialized form with all the facilities currently available in the paper Savings certificates.
- (c) The purpose behind this six-month pilot of `Dematerialization of Savings Certificates` (NSC/KVP) is to assess the acceptability of certificates in a demat form by the investor as this scheme is investor friendly, and to test the cost effectiveness of the revised procedure.
- (d) No extra charges will be levied on the investor.