

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3926  
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MODERNISATION OF POSTAL OPERATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Planning Wing of the Department of Post is laying emphasis on modernisation of various aspects of postal operations and development of a comprehensive network all over the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a scheme for the modernisation of parcel dispatch system is also being implemented;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the number of post offices, head post offices and speed post centres in Rajasthan computerised and modernised, post office-wise; head post office-wise and speed post centre-wise; and
- (f) the number of proposals in this regard likely to be considered in the coming financial year and the time by which action is likely to be taken thereon?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Over 79% of the total allocation of Rs. 1350 crore for the department's 10th Five Year Plan is allocated for induction of technology, computerisation and modernisation of Postal Network and its operations. In 2005-06, 86.7% of the total outlay of Rs. 354 crore is earmarked for such activities. Details of modernisation and development activities taken up in 2005-06 is given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d): No such scheme is being implemented. However under the Tenth Plan, there is a proposal to set up parcel centres for an outlay of Rs. 7.02 crore. The scheme has not yet been approved for implementation.

(e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(f) For the year 2005-06, the target is to computerise 2860 large Sub-Post offices and 350 Speed Post Centers in the entire country including Rajasthan. Computerisation of the remaining large Sub-Post offices can be taken up, subject to availability of resources and approval of the competent authorities. Modernisation of 205 Post offices and 150 Speed Post Centers are targeted to be covered in the entire country, including Rajasthan during 2005-06.

**ANNEXURE**

**DETAILS OF MODERNISATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES TAKEN UP IN 2005-06**

Sl.N o.	Plan Scheme/Activity	Financial Outlay (Rs. in crores)
1.	Computerisation of post offices (installation of MPCMs), Accounts and Administrative offices and software Development	250.10
2.	Computerisation and networking of Mail Offices	1.87
3.	Modernization and upgradation of VSAT system	0.06
4.	Modernization of operative/working systems (improving ergonomics)	16.78
5.	Automatic Mail Processing Centre	20.00

6.	Mechanisation/Modernization of mail movement	0.02
7.	Modernization/upgradation of premium products	3.82
8.	Modernisation of circle stamp depots	0.44
9.	Computerisation of International Mail processing	0.61
10.	National Data Centre	10.00
11.	Establishment of Parcel Post Centres	3.05
12.	e-Post	0.20
13.	e-Bill Post	0.10
	TOTAL:	307.05

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