

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

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USING OF LAND FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether due to increase in bank services, electronic and print media, some post offices in the country have become non-viable;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a large portion of land with Postal Department is not under use;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to formulate a scheme to use this unutilized land for commercial purposes;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b) Post Offices provide a variety of services in terms of various categories of mails as well as financial and insurance matters. While the traffic in some mail related activities have reduced with the declining trend in traditional mails, workload in banking and insurance related activities has increased.

(c) to (g) The Department has purchased plots of land at different places for construction of buildings for Post Offices, Administrative Offices and Staff Quarters. There are 1750 plots with the Department where construction is yet to be taken up. Construction of buildings is taken up in a phased manner based on priority of needs and subject to availability of funds under Annual Plan.