

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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NEW POLICY FOR OPENING OF POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the new policy of the Government for opening of Post Offices in the country;
- (b) whether there is a proposal for setting up of an independent regulatory authority for the Postal Department;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has evolved a contributory pension scheme to encourage the department employees to become franchisees of the department; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) The policy initiatives under the 10th Plan require the Department to rationalise the network to optimise resources, open new post offices by redeployment of existing manpower, and to explore more cost-effective options for increasing access to postal facilities.
- (b) & (c) This is one of the issues included in the policy imperatives under the 10th Plan. Details have not been firmed up.
- (d) No, Sir. No contributory pension scheme has been evolved to encourage the Department's employees to become franchisees of the Department.
- (e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.