

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF POST OFFICES AND TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open more post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges during 2005-06 in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) the number of post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges functioning in Orissa, district-wise; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated by the Government for opening of new post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges in the State?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No Plan targets have been fixed for opening post offices during 2005-06 in Orissa. However, where justified as per norms, post offices will continue to be provided through relocation of existing post offices that do not fulfil the distance norm.

There is no proposal for opening of telegraph office during the year 2005-06 in Orissa. However, the Government proposes to open 8 more telephone exchanges in Orissa during the year 2005-06. The location-wise details of the proposed exchanges is given in Annexure-I.

(c) Details of the number of post offices functioning in Orissa, district-wise are given in Annexure-II.

The number of telegraph offices and telephone exchanges functioning in Orissa, district-wise is given in Annexure-III. District/Long Distance Charging Area (LDCA) wise number of telephone exchanges provided by private operators in Orissa service area is given in Annexure-IV.

(d) Since no plan targets have been provided for opening post offices in Orissa in 2005-06, no plan funds have also been allocated for this purpose. All new post offices are opened only through redeployment of existing manpower and the expenditure in this regard will continue to be met from non plan.

As regards opening of new telegraph offices and telephone exchanges in the State, the Budget allocation for the year 2005- 06 is under finalisation.

ANNEXURE-I

THE LOCATION-WISE DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED EXCHANGES DURING THE YEAR 2005-06 IN ORISSA.

S.No Name of the SSA Name of the proposed exchange

1.	Berhampur	Mahendragarh
2.	Bolangir	Bharsuja
3.	Cuttack	IOCL, Paradeep
4.	Keonjhar	Rugudi
5.	Keonjhar	Sayabali

6.	Koraput	Potereo
7	Rourkela	Hariharpur
8.	Sambalpur	Daincha

ANNEXURE-II

DISTRICT-WISE DETAILS OF NUMBER OF POST OFFICES FUNCTIONING IN ORISSA

Sl No	Name of District	of Post Offices	No. of	Sl No	Name of District	No. of Post Offices
1.	Angul	238	16	Kendrapara	270	
2.	Balasore	502	17	Keonjhar	444	
3.	Bargarh	210	18	Khurda	295	
4.	Boudh	117	19	Koraput	250	
5.	Bhadrak	328	20	Malkangiri	85	
6.	Bolangir	285	21	Mayurbhanj	710	
7	Cuttack	369	22	Nowrangpur	177	
8.	Deogarh	41	23	Nayagarh	212	
9.	Dhenkanal	232	24	Naupara	112	
10	Gajapati	146	25	Phulbani	273	
11	Ganjam	680	26	Puri	297	
12	Jagatsinghpur	239	27	Rayagada	201	
13	Jajpur	304	28	Sambalpur	245	
14	Jharsuguda	91	29	Sonpur	98	
15	Kalahandi	306	30	Sundargarh	404	
TOTAL:		8161				

ANNEXURE-III

DISTRICT-WISE NUMBER OF TELEGRAPH OFFICES AND TELEPHONE EXCHANGES FUNCTIONING IN ORISSA

Sl No	Name of the District	of Telegraph Offices	No. of Telephone exchanges	Sl No	Name of the District	of Telegraph Offices	No. of Telephone exchanges
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1.	Angul	1	39	16	Kendrapara	1	30
2.	Balasore	1	55	17	Keonjhar	1	41
3.	Bargarh	1	39	18	Khurda	2	74
4.	Mayurbhunj	1	56	19	Koraput	2	45
5.	Bhadrak	1	34	20	Malkangiri	0	13
6.	Kalahandi	1	44	21	Nayagarh	0	20
7.	Bolangir	1	33	22	Nuapara	0	15
8.	Boudh	0	14	23	Nowrangpur	0	16
9.	Ganjam	3	106	24	Gajapati	1	20
10.	Cuttack	3	61	25	Phulbani	1	33
11.	Deogarh	1	10	26	Puri	1	38
12.	Dhenkanal	1	42	27	Rayagada	1	31
13.	Jagatsinghpur	1	35	28	Sambalpur	3	45
14.	Jajpur	1	43	29	Sonpur	0	18
15.	Jharsuguda	1	19	30	Sundergarh	4	67

TOTAL 35 1,136

ANNEXURE-IV

DISTRICT/LONG DISTANCE CHARGING AREA (LDCA)-WISE NUMBER OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES PROVIDED BY PRIVATE OPERATORS IN ORISSA SERVICE AREA

S.No District/LDCA No. of Telephone Exchanges

1.	Balasore	02
2.	Baripada	01
3.	Berhampur	02
4.	Bhubaneswar (Puri)	03
5.	Cuttack	04
6.	Dhenkanal	02
7.	Sambalpur	01