

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

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OPENING OF PERMANENT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES OUTLETS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to open 100 permanent departmental offices and another 6,000 offices/outlets to expand postal network; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The original proposal of the department was to open 100 Departmental Sub Offices (DSOs), 1000 Extra Departmental Branch Offices (EDBOs) and 5000 Panchayat Sanchar Seva Kendras (PSSKs) during the 10th Five Year Plan period, subject to availability of proposals that fulfil distance, population and income norms, and availability of Plan support. However, Expenditure Finance Committee recommended targets only for the first two years. Even though, no targets have been approved under Plan for the last three years of the Plan period, Post Offices continue to be opened subject to fulfilment of distance, population and income norms, through redeployment of existing manpower and relocation of existing post offices that do not fulfil the distance norms.

Details of Extra Departmental Branch Offices, Departmental Sub Offices and Panchayat Sanchar Seva Kendras opened during the first two years, Postal Circle-wise are given in the Annexure.

**ANNEXURE**

**CIRCLE-WISE NUMBER OF POST OFFICES AND PSSKs OPENED DURING THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF 10TH PLAN**

Sl. No. Name of the Circle  
No. of Post Offices opened during the first two years  
No. of PSSKs opened during the first two years

Sl. No.	Name of the Circle	2002-2003		2003-2004		2002-2003		2003-2004		
		EDBOs	DSOs	EDBOs	DSOs	T#	A##	T#	A##	
1.	Andhra Pradesh		3	nil	2	1	30	30	15	15
2.	Assam		15	1	14	1	95	95	65	65
3.	Bihar		15	nil	15	1	253	253	95	96
4.	Chhattisgarh		20	1	16	1	100	100	70	70
5.	Delhi		1	1	1	nil	Nil	nil	nil	Nil
6.	Gujarat		15	nil	9	1	55	55	30	23
7.	Haryana		nil	1	2	1	55	55	35	35
8.	Himachal Pradesh		2	nil	2	1	50	54	40	44
9.	Jammu & Kashmir		5	nil	7	1	10	10	10	10
10.	Jharkhand		8	nil	6	1	75	49	48	48

11 Karnataka	8	1	4	1	10	6	5	3
12 Kerala	2	1	6	1	nil	nil	nil	Nil
13 Madhya Pradesh	16	1	15	1	140	140	100	100
14 Maharashtra	30	8	25	2	150	150	100	96
15 North East	9	1	10	1	50	56	50	49
16 Orissa	10	1	6	1	20	20	10	10
17 Punjab	5	1	5	nil	30	30	15	15
18 Rajasthan	18	2	15	1	75	82	40	40
19 Tamil Nadu	5	1	6	1	75	75	40	40
20 Uttar Pradesh	18	1	20	1	200	200	118	118
21 Uttarakhand	4	nil	5	nil	20	20	10	10
22 West Bengal	32	2	6	nil	7	2	2	1
23 Sikkim	nil	1	2	1		2	1	

TOTAL      241      25      199      20      1500      1482      900      889

#T :      Targets

##A :      Achievements