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COMPUTERISATION OF POST OFFICES

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to computerize all departmental post offices in the country;
- (b) if so, the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;
- (c) whether the required fund has been released for the purpose;
- (d) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the time by which the computerization is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

- (a) There are 26,165 Departmental Post Offices in the country. Currently, the Department is implementing a Plan Scheme to computerize 7700 large Departmental Post Offices in the Tenth Plan with an approved outlay of Rs. 836 crore. The Department has submitted a proposal to Planning Commission to computerize remaining 18,465 Departmental Post Offices.
- (b) The Department has projected an estimated additional expenditure of Rs. 625 crore to computerize the remaining 18,465 Departmental Post Offices.
- (c) Funds are released regularly through Annual Plan allocation to the Department for computerizing 7700 large Departmental Post Offices as approved for the Tenth Plan. Approval for computerizing the remaining 18,465 Departmental Post Offices is awaited and hence no fund has been released for the purpose.
- (d) A project report on computerization of the remaining 18,465 Departmental Post Offices has been submitted to Planning Commission, which is under examination.
- (e) Computerization of 7700 large Departmental Post Offices will be completed by March, 2007. Remaining 18,465 Departmental Post Offices can be taken up for computerization only after receipt of the approval of the proposal by the competent authority.