

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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POST OFFICES

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

- (a) whether there are several villages in country which are not having post offices;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to open post offices in every village;
- (c) the scheme implemented by the Government so far in this regard; and
- (d) the number of post offices in Bihar, district-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) There are 4,48,217 villages in the country which do not have post offices as on 31-03-2005. In consonance with the policy directives of the Tenth Five Year Plan, plan targets are not being allotted for opening of new post offices from the year 2004-05. Where justified, post offices are opened by relocating those post offices, which are not justified at the existing location, as per the norms prescribed by the Department. However, postal facilities are provided to all villages through the existing rural network of 1,39,120 post offices.

(d) The number of Post Offices district wise in Bihar is given in Annexure.

**ANNEXURE**

District-wise details of Post Offices in Bihar Circle as on 31st March, 2005.

S1	Name of Office	Head Post Offices	Sub Post Offices	Extra mental	Extra mental	Total	
1.	Araria	Nil	14	Nil	124	138	
2.	Arbal	Nil	8	Nil	72	80	
3.	Aurangabad	1		34	3	348	386
4.	Banka	1	20	11	176	208	
5.	Begusarai	1	24	5	172	202	
6.	Bettiah(W.Cham paran)	1	22	2	253	278	
7.	Bhagalpur	1	31	15	275	322	
8.	Bhojpur(Arrah)	1	38	2	242	283	
9.	Buxar	1	32	2	177	212	
10.	Darbhanga	1	43	2	327	374	
11.	E.Champaran(Mo tihari)	1	44	1	377	423	
12.	Gaya	1	25	3	206	235	
13.	Gopalganj	1	19	Nil	213	233	
14.	Jahanabad	1	18	2	87	108	
15.	Jamui	1	12	Nil	140	153	
16.	Kaimur(Bhabhua)	Nil	22	Nil	129	151	
17.	Katihar	1	21	Nil	149	171	
18.	Khagaria	Nil	18	Nil	155	173	
19.	Kishanganj	Nil	7	Nil	87	94	
20.	Lakhisarai	Nil	8	1	75	84	
21.	Madhepura	Nil	11	Nil	109	120	
22.	Madhubani	1	39	1	398	439	

23	Munger	1	15	1	66	83
24	Muzaffarpur	1	54	16	350	421
25	Nalanda(Bih.Sh	1	41	5	360	407
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26	Nawada	1	23	2	202	228
27	Patna	2	95	10	237	344
28	Purnea	1 19 Nil	189		209	
29	Rohatas(Sasaram)	1	25	Nil	217	243
30	Saharsa	1	22	Nil	206	229
31	Samastipur	1	40	5	348	394
32	Saran(Chhapra)	2	52	4	335	393
33	Sheikhpura	Nil 8	1	100	109	
34	Sheohar	Nil 9 Nil	110	119		
35	Sitamahri	1	19	1	196	217
36	Siwan	1	35	Nil	263	299
37	Supaul	Nil	15	Nil	194	209
38	Vaishali(Hajip	1	29	4	249	283
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	TOTAL:	31	1011	99	7913	9054