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

- (a) whether the expert committee on excellence in postal services has laid emphasis on the need for induction of technology in various postal mail agency functions with a view to transform the traditional postal services into modern high technology services; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to popularize and streamline the scheme so as to utilize VSAT and to improve the postal services into modern high technology services?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Posts has been transmitting Money Orders through 77 VSATs since 1995. Subsequently, it extended the VSAT network to cover 150 Satellite Money Order Stations and 1455 Extended Satellite Money Order Centres. Further, to improve the quality of postal services, the Department has been computerizing the large Departmental Post Offices and till date 6184 Post Offices have been provided with computers. Two Automatic Mail Processing Centres have been set up at Chennai & Mumbai for processing the mails faster. E-Post, e-Bill Post, Instant Money Order Services are some of the Department's information technology based modern services.