

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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APPOINTMENT OF DAKPALS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of rural 'Dakpals' appointed during each of the last three years State-wise, particularly in the State of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the year-wise amount being spent on them;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to regularize these Dakpals;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) There is no such category of 'Rural Dakpals' in the Department of Posts. However, the rural areas are served by Extra Departmental Sub Offices and Extra Departmental Branch Offices headed by Gramin Dak Sevak Sub Postmasters (GDS SPM) and Branch Postmasters (GDS BPM) respectively who are like part time employees engaged for a limited duration of 2 to 5 hours based on the work load. During the last three years 450 Post offices have been opened in the rural areas by relocation and redeployment of posts. In U.P. State, 38 Post Offices have been set up by relocation during the last three years. No new establishment of Gramin Dak Sevak Sub Postmasters and Branch Postmasters has been created. The number of Post Offices opened by relocation and redeployment of posts during the last three years, State-wise, is given in the Annexure. Since the posts of Gramin Dak Sevak Branch Postmasters have been filled up by redeployment, there is no additional expenditure on the establishment.

(c) to (e) As regards regularization of Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDSs), provisions are already available for recruitment to 75% of posts at the Group 'D' level and 50% of postmen's posts in the Department to be made from the Gramin Dak Sevaks to improve their career prospects and enter into regular government service. Gramin Dak Sevaks are also eligible for being considered against the unfilled vacancies of Group 'C' cadre in the promotion quota subject to fulfilling of following prescribed conditions:

(i) Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDSs) must have minimum qualification of 10+2 (Senior Secondary) and have put in minimum of 3 years of service.

(ii) Only those GDSs shall be eligible who have secured marks not below the marks secured by the last recruit of the relevant category selected in the previous years.

(iii) The Gramin Dak Sevaks should be within 28 years of age (33 years for SC/ST and 31 years for OBC).

ANNEXURE

STATE-WISE LIST OF RURAL POST OFFICES OPENED DURING LAST THREE YEARS 2002-2005 AND POSTS OF GRAMIN DAK SEVAKS FILLED UP BY RE-DEPLOYMENT.

Extra Departmental Branch Offices
Sl. Circle Year Year Year Total Remarks
No. 2002- 2003- 2004-
2003 2004 2005

Sl. No.	Circle	Year 2002-	Year 2003-	Year 2004-	Total	Remarks
1	Andhra Pradesh	3	2	Nil	5	Post of Gramin Dak Sewak Branch Postmaster filled up by re-deployment with no additional expenditure
2	Assam	15	14	Nil	29	-do-
3	Bihar	15	15	Nil	30	-do-
4	Chhattisgarh	20	16	Nil	36	-do-
5	Delhi	1	1	Nil	2	-do-

6	Gujarat	15	9	2	26	-do-	
7	Haryana	Nil	2		Nil	2	-do-
8	Himachal	2	2		Nil	4	-do-
9	J&K	5	7		Nil	12	-do-
10	Jharkhand	8	6		Nil	14	-do-
11	Karnataka	8	4	3	15		-do-
12	Kerala	2	6	1	9		-do-
13	M.P.	16	15	Nil	31		-do-
14	Maharashtra	30	25	Nil	55		-do-
15	North East	9	10	Nil	19		-do-
16	Orissa	10	6	Nil	16		-do-
17	Punjab	5	5	Nil	10		-do-
18	Rajasthan	18	15	4	37		-do-
19	Tamil Nadu	5	6	Nil	11		-do-
20	Uttar Pradesh	18	20	Nil	38		-do-
21	Uttaranchal	4	5	Nil	9		-do-
22	West Bengal	32	6	Nil	38		-do-
23	Sikkim	Nil	2	Nil	2		-do-
	Total	241	199	10	450		-do-