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IMPROVEMENT IN POSTAL SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of existing Post Offices, Sub-Post Offices, Branch Post Offices in Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat, District-wise;
- (b) the details of new Post Offices, Sub-Post Offices, Branch Post Offices likely to be opened in the current financial year in these States, District-wise;
- (c) the funds allocated for the purpose during the current financial year;
- (d) the target set and the achievement made in these States during the year 2003-04; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the postal services in these States?

Answer

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

- (a) The District-wise details of existing Post Offices, Sub- Post Offices and Branch Post Offices in Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat, are given in Annexures I & II.
- (b) Post Offices are opened subject to fulfilment of population, distance and financial norms and also the availability of resources. It is an ongoing activity. Efforts are also being made to rationalise the network and redeploy Post Offices in Urban areas to needy areas without affecting access due as per policy. Therefore the details of new Post Offices to be opened in the current year are yet to be firmed up.
- (c) No funds have been allocated under Plan for this purpose as Post Offices are to be opened by redeploying existing resources.
- (d) The target set and achievement made for 2003-04 in the States of Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat, are as under:

State	Target		Achieved			
	Depart- mental Offices (DSOs)	Branch Sub Offices (BOs)	DSOs	BOs		
Himachal Pradesh	01	01	10	02	01	02
Gujarat	01	01	10	02	01	09

- (e) The steps taken by the Government to improve the postal services in these States broadly include streamlining the existing services, rationalizing the network, improving customer care, and inducting technology into the system to improve efficiency, productivity and capacity to provide value added services. Efforts are also being made to optimise the retailing capacity of the network to enhance revenues by offering a range of products and services, which meet the existing and emerging needs of customers.

Annexure-I

DISTRICT-WISE DETAILS OF POST OFFICES IN H.P. CIRCLE.

Sl. No.	Name of District	H.O.	S.O.	EDSO	EDBO	
1	Bilaspur		1	27	-	117
2	Chamba		1	25	-	196
3	Hamirpur		2	49	2	172
4	Kangra		4	101	9	538
5	Kinnaur		1	12	-	59
6	Kulu		1	25	-	129
7	Lahaul-Spiti		1	7	-	38
8	Mandi		2	53	4	309
9	Shimla		2	66	2	282
10	Sirmour		1	15	-	157
11	Solan		1	31	-	152
12	Una		1	34	1	150
Total		18	445	18		2299

Annexure-II

DISTRICT -WISE POST OFFICES IN GUJARAT

S. No	Name of District	H.Os	S.Os	EDSOs	B.Os	Total	
1	Ahmedabad		4	154	3	356	517
2	Banaskantha		1	33	1	374	409
3	Gandhinagar		1	28	1	89	119
4	Mahesana		2	63	8	316	389
5	Patan		1	29	1	232	263
6	Sabarkantha		1	51	1	527	580
7	Amreli		1	41	3	312	357
8	Bhavnagar		2	59	0	349	410
9	Jamnagar		2	59	0	324	385
10	Junagadh		2	53	1	332	388
11	Kutch		1	59	2	435	497
12	Porbandar		1	29	0	138	168
13	Rajkot		2	85	1	418	506
14	Surendranagar		1	35	0	297	333
15	Anand		2	47	2	182	233
16	Bharuch		1	54	4	336	395
17	Dahod		1	19	0	274	294
18	Dang		0	4	0	52	56
19	Kheda		2	72	5	299	378
20	Narmada		0	11	0	115	126
21	Navsari		2	40	0	242	284
22	Panchmahal		1	26	2	250	279
23	Surat		3	120	1	522	646
24	Vadodara		3	92	7	556	658
25	Valsad		1	34	1	244	280
Total:		38	1297	44	7571		8950