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POST OFFICES IN RURAL AREAS .
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) The number of post offices functioning at present in rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir and Karnataka, district-wise;
- (b) The number of such villages where facility of post office is not available, district-wise;
- (c) Whether the Government has formulated any scheme for providing the said facility in those villages; and
- (d) If so, details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) The district-wise details of the number of post offices functioning in rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir and Karnataka, and the number of villages where facility of post office is not available are given in the Annexure. However, all villages are provided postal facilities through post offices that are available at nearby locations where these are justified as per norms. In addition, the Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Scheme was formulated for providing facilities in those areas which cannot be provided a post office as per norms. At present 26 Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras (PSSKs) are functioning in Karnataka.