

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF POST OFFICES IN GUJARAT  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the name and location of post offices and sub-post offices opened in Surat, Gurjarat during the last three years;
- (b) the number of proposals received in this regard during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government is facing difficulties in opening new post offices or sub-post offices;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) One post office has been opened in Puna Kumbhariya during 2001.
- (b) The following six proposals have been received during the last three years.

1. Karanj
2. Ghoddod Road
3. GIPCL Township
4. Sachin GIDC
5. Olpad GIDC
6. Anand Mahal Road

(c) to (e) Post offices are opened subject to compliance with norms prescribed for their opening and availability of accommodation. Post offices at GIPCL Township and Sachin GIDC, which are found to be justified as per norms, will be opened immediately after obtaining suitable accommodation from the authorities concerned failing which action will be taken to secure accommodation on rental basis.

While proposals for post offices at Karnj and Ghoddod Road are under process, proposals for post offices at Olpad GIDC and Anand Mahal Road have not been found justified on the basis of income and distance norms.