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P&T FACILITIES IN MAHARASHTRA AND J&K
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of the gram panchayats in Maharashtra/Jammu and Kashmir where postal and telegraph facilities are not available, district-wise;
- (b) the number of panchayats in which communication service and telegraph offices have been set up in these States during the last two years and proposals for the same under consideration in the current financial year, district-wise; and
- (c) the time bound programme chalked out by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a) Postal facilities for delivery, collection of mails and sale of stamps and postal stationery are available to all Gram Panchayats in the country. However, there are still 15767 number of Gram Panchayats which do not have post offices in Maharashtra and 1623 number of Gram Panchayats, which do not have post offices in Jammu & Kashmir.

The district-wise particulars of these Gram Panchayats are furnished in Annexures-I and II. The number of Gram Panchayats in Maharashtra and J&K where telegraph facilities are not available district-wise is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) & (c) The number of Panchayats in which communication service and telegraph offices have been set up in these States during the last two years and proposals for the same under consideration in the current financial year, district-wise and the time bound programme chalked out by the Government in this regard is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.