

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:50
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2009
PANCHAYAT SANCHAR SEWA YOJANA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages covered under the Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Yojana in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the number of villages likely to be covered, State-wise;
- (c) whether this scheme has been successful in rural areas;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make it successful?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 50 FOR 23RD NOVEMBER, 2009 REGARDING "PANCHAYAT SANCHAR SEWA YOJANA".

- (a) No new Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Yojana (PSSY) Kendras have been opened in the country during the last three years and the current year.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) The scheme basically aims at providing basic postal necessities in villages where post offices do not exist. To that extent, the scheme has achieved its aim. But, the revenue vis- À -vis expenditure in most of the Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Yojana (PSSY) Kendras is found to be very low.
- (d) It has been observed that the sale proceeds of most of PSSY Kendras are very low, because of
 - (i) fall in demand for postage stamps/stationery due to availability of alternate modes of communication,
 - (ii) lack of interest on part of PSSY Agents,
 - (iii) non-supervision on part of Gram Panchayats over the functioning of PSSY Kendras despite their commitment to do so and
 - (iv) non-selection of suitable candidates by Gram Panchayats.
- (e) Continuous monitoring of the Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Yojana (PSSY) Kendras is done during inspections and field visits by the officers of Department of Posts.

Number of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras as on 31-03-2009

S.No. Circles No. of PSSKs

1	Andhra Pradesh	116
2	Assam	191
3	Bihar	1073
4	Chhattisgarh	218
5	Delhi	0
6	Gujarat	16
6.1	Dadar Nagar Haveli	0
6.2	Daman & Diu	0
7	Haryana	239
8	Himachal Pradesh	126
9	Jammu & Kashmir	30
10	Jharkhand	261
11	Karnataka	13
12	Kerala	0

12.1 Lakshdweep 0
12.2 Mahe 0
13 Madhya Pradesh 252
14 Maharashtra 502
14.1 Goa 6
15 North East
15.1 Arunachal Pradesh 8
15.2 Manipur 16
15.3 Meghalaya 0
15.4 Mizoram 19
15.5 Nagaland 7
15.6 Tripura 79
16 Orissa 205
17 Punjab 11
17.1 Chandigarh 0
18 Rajasthan 153
19 Tamil Nadu 90
19.1 Pondicherry 0
20 Uttarakhand 128
21 Uttar Pradesh 1194
22 West Bengal 6
22.1 A.N. Islands 2
22.2 Sikkim 1
Total 4962

Scheme not introduced in Delhi and Kerala Circle