

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3485  
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Gangajal through Post Offices  
Singh Shri Sunil Kumar

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the India Post has started a scheme for distributing Gangajal through Post Offices and e-Post offices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been some opposition from different quarters regarding the scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for proper implementation of the scheme?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) India Post has put in place arrangements for supply and distribution of 'Gangajal', sourced from Rishikesh and Gangotri, through post offices across the country since 10.07.2016. 'Gangajal' is being made available through Head Post Offices & ePost Office Portal. Arrangements have also been made for door step delivery of 'Gangajal' across the country through Speed Post. The charges of the Gangajal bottles are follows –

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SIZE Source Post Office counters  
(in Rs.) Doorstep Delivery  
(in Rs.) ePost Office Portal (in Rs.)  
200 ml Rishikesh 15 28 101  
500 ml Rishikesh 22 38 151  
200 ml Gangotri 25 38 101  
500 ml Gangotri 35 51 151  
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The above includes only packaging and handling charges. Speed Post charges and applicable taxes are extra on doorstep delivery. Currently, more than two lakh seventy thousand bottles of 200 ml and 500 ml have been sent across the country for distribution up to 15.11.2016 since inception.

(c) No Madam.

(d) Question does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) India Post is taking utmost care in maintaining sanctity and purity of 'Gangajal' right from stage of collection from Rishikesh / Gangotri till its delivery to the customers.

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