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Title : Need to improve the service conditions of Rural Dak Sevaks as per the postal service norms and to restore the status of Extra Departmental Sub-post Office in district Jalgaon, Maharashtra.

SHRI HARIBHAU JAWALE (RAVER): In Jalgaon district the Postal Department has converted their Extra Departmental Sub-post Offices (EDSO) to the level of Branch Post Office(BO). The Postal Service play a very effective role for the rural areas. In the large towns and cities, the network of the privately owned courier services are well established. But an opposite situation is observed in the rural area. Also, it has suggested to reduce one post of the working staff out of three personnel working at EDSO.

The Rural Dak Sevak either EDSO or with BO are rendering their services very effectively and the villagers receive the services of these rural Dak Sevaks as per their own convenience and the Rural Dak Sevak are honouring these services. However, there are lot of differences in the pay structure. In many places, the BO has to be managed by the own Rural Dak Sevak. Even the Post Office room rent has to be borne by them.

As the Postal Insurance schemes are in force, the higher authorities are pressing very hard to the Rural Dak Sevak to bring revenue through insurance. Actually they have been allotted extra target without observing the potentials of that particular area. Also, villages are not very keen in doing their insurance as the service provided are not very well managed. Through the august House I request to provide the rational target looking at the potential of that area and improve the Postal Insurance service coverage.

Through the august house, I request the Government to provide the same Salary structure with pensionary benefits as per the Postal Service gradation norms to rural Dak Sevaks. Also, all the necessary amenities required by them should be given to them to strengthen the network in Rural areas of our Country. I also request Hon'ble Minister not to lower the EDSO to BO level and instead of this more BO and EDSO may be established to strengthen the postal network in the country.