

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 297
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH MARCH, 2025**

POSTAL BANK ATMS IN ODISHA

297 SMT. SULATA DEO:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to enhance the number of Automated Teller Machine (ATMs) to cover all the Departmental Post Offices, particularly in rural areas of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposed plan and the estimated timeline for completion;
- (c) the current number of ATMs installed in Departmental Post Offices across Odisha; and
- (d) the steps being taken to improve ATM accessibility for rural populations in the State and the expected completion date?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION**

(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

- (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF RAJYA SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 297 FOR 27TH MARCH, 2025 REGARDING “POSTAL BANK ATMS IN ODISHA.”

- (a) No, Madam;
- (b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above;
- (c) The current number of ATMs installed in departmental post offices across Odisha is 44;
- (d) The Department has taken the following steps to improve ATM accessibility for the rural population in the State of Odisha:
 - (i) ATM services for Post Office Savings Bank account holders can be availed of not only at ATMs installed in departmental post offices, but also at the ATMs of other banks, and customers of Banks can use ATMs of departmental post offices, due to interoperability of ATMs.
 - (ii) Gramin Dak Sevaks provide cash withdrawal and deposit facility in rural areas through mobile devices of the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) that act as micro-ATMs for IPPB savings accounts, and this facility is also available for savings accounts of other banks through the Aadhaar enabled Payments System.
