GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2337
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH NOVEMBER, 2016

EXPANSION OF POSTAL NETWORK

†2337. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Government has reviewed the expansion of postal network and delay in setting up of post offices in the country;

(b)   if so, the details and findings thereof;

(c)   the details of proposals pending for approval alongwith the approved number of post offices facing delay in their setting up, State-wise; and

(d)   the action taken by the Government to expedite the process of setting up of new post offices?

ANSWER

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

(a)   Review of expansion of postal network is an on-going process. If found justified, as per laid down norms, post offices are opened on the basis of relocation & redeployment under Plan Scheme. New post offices are opened against plan targets in a given financial year, and there is no delay in opening of post offices.

(b)   Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c)   State/UT-wise number of proposals received during current financial year 2016-17 (upto 07.11.2016) for opening of new post offices, proposals pending for approval and proposals approved for opening of new post offices but facing delay in opening are at **Annexure.**

(d)   New post offices are opened after following the prescribed norms and procedures against plan target within the financial year.

State/UT-wise status of proposals received for opening of new Post Offices during current financial year 2016-17 (upto 07.11.2016)

Sl. No.	States/ UTs	Total Number of Proposals received	No. of Proposals under process/ pending	No. of Proposals approved but facing delay in opening of Post Offices (*)
(1)	(2)	(3)(#)	(4)	(5)
1	Andhra Pradesh	8	3	2
2	Assam	1	1	0
3	Bihar	6	3	0
4	Chhattisgarh	13	0	0
5	Delhi	16	13	1
6	Gujarat	5	0	1
6.1	Dadar, Nagar & Haveli	0	0	0
6.2	Daman & Diu	0	0	0
7	Haryana	21	15	0
8	Himachal Pradesh	22	20	0
9	Jammu & Kashmir	6	4	0
10	Jharkhand	8	8	0
11	Karnataka	16	10	1
12	Kerala	1	0	0
12.1	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
13	Madhya Pradesh	7	2	0
14	Maharashtra	11	4	0
14.1	Goa	0	0	0
15	North East:			
15.1	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
15.2	Meghalaya	0	0	0
15.3	Mizoram	0	0	0
15.4	Manipur	1	1	0
15.5	Nagaland	1	0	0
15.6	Tripura	0	0	0
16	Odisha	11	5	0
17	Punjab	17	16	0
17.1	Chandigarh	1	1	0
18	Rajasthan	15	1	0
19	Tamil Nadu	15	10	0
19.1	Puducherry	0	0	0
20	Telangana	12	7	0
21	Uttar Pradesh	32	15	0
22	Uttarakhand	9	0	0
23	West Bengal	4	4	0
23.1	Sikkim	0	0	0
23.2	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0
	Total	**259**	**143**	**5**

(*) Opening of new Post Offices are delayed due to non availability of suitable accommodations.

(#) Differences in the number of proposals between [3-(4+5)] reflects proposals which are either accepted and implemented or not found justified.

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