

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3485
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH DECEMBER, 2016
GANGAJAL THROUGH POST OFFICES**

†3485. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

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 –

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

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.
