

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.447
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH APRIL, 2017**

POST OFFICES

†*447. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:
SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of post offices in the country including those in the backward areas as on date, district-wise;
- (b) the number of post offices proposed to be opened in all the villages during the current financial year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any policy to open new post offices and upgrade old post offices/sub- post offices in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has identified such areas where the postal services are not available and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

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

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STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.447 FOR 5TH APRIL, 2017 REGARDING “POST OFFICES ”.

(a) The District-wise number of Post Offices in the country including the rural and backward areas (as on 27.03.2017) are at **Annexure-I**.

(b) There is no proposal for opening of new post offices in all the villages of the country. The new post offices are opened in villages subject to fulfillment of prescribed distance, population & income norms and availability of funds and manpower. Out of 99 Branch Post Offices (BOs) planned to be opened in rural areas in the financial year 2016-17, Department has opened 84 BOs as on 28.02.2017. The Postal Circle-wise details are at **Annexure-II**.

(c) The opening of new post offices and upgradation of existing post offices are on-going activities. New post offices are opened subject to fulfillment of prescribed distance, population & income norms and availability of funds and manpower. Existing post offices are upgraded based on the workload and after following the prescribed norms. The norms for opening and upgradation of post offices are at **Annexure-III**.

(d) Postal services are available all over the country through a network of about 1.55 lakhs post offices. Villages not having post offices are served by nearby post offices. In addition, Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras and Franchise Outlets are also opened to provide basic postal facilities at Gram Panchayats/ Villages not having post offices.

Annexure-I
[Refers part (a) of the question]

District-wise & Category-wise Number of Post Offices in the country including backward areas as on 27.03.2017

Name of the State/U.T.	Name of the Districts	Head Offices		Sub Offices		Branch Post Offices		Total		Total No. of Post Offices
		Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	
Andhra Pradesh	Srikakulam	2	1	16	55	0	492	18	548	566
	Vizianagaram	3	0	21	45	13	583	37	628	665
	Visakhapatnam	4	0	68	41	30	556	102	597	699
	East Godavari	5	1	52	101	5	720	62	822	884
	Ananthapur	4	0	41	78	6	814	51	892	943
	Chittoor	4	1	42	79	24	744	70	824	894
	Cuddappah	4	0	37	65	9	711	50	776	826
	Kurnool	3	0	42	66	0	652	45	718	763
	Prakasam	4	1	50	88	2	781	56	870	926
	West Godavari	7	0	48	95	2	605	57	700	757
	Krishna	5	1	73	86	10	643	88	730	818
	Guntur	6	0	73	85	11	680	90	765	855
	Nellore	3	0	29	71	22	654	54	725	779
Assam	Kokrajhar	1	0	2	7	1	100	4	107	111
	Dhubri	1	0	7	6	1	114	9	120	129
	South Salmara and Mankachar	0	0	0	3	0	15	0	18	18
	Goalpara	0	0	2	11	1	94	3	105	108
	Barpeta	1	0	8	12	1	139	10	151	161
	Morigoan	0	0	3	6	1	94	4	100	104
	Nagoan	1	0	7	19	5	186	13	205	218
	Hojai	0	0	5	6	2	48	7	54	61
	Sonitpur	1	0	5	27	0	103	6	130	136
	Biswanath	0	0	3	12	0	62	3	74	77
	Lakhimpur	1	0	2	15	6	157	9	172	181
	Dhemaji	0	0	1	5	3	75	4	80	84
	Tinsukia	1	0	17	19	3	105	21	124	145
	Dibrugarh	1	0	15	16	8	176	24	192	216
	Charaideu	0	0	5	7	0	60	5	67	72
	Sivasagar	1	0	12	9	8	159	21	168	189
	Jorhat	1	0	13	17	1	137	15	154	169
	Majuli	0	0	0	5	0	44	0	49	49
	Golaghat	1	0	7	12	1	131	9	143	152
	Karbi Anglong	1	0	3	5	1	91	5	96	101
	West Karbi Anglong	0	0	0	3	0	25	0	28	28
	Dima Hasao	0	0	4	3	2	60	6	63	69
	Cachar	1	0	14	37	5	177	20	214	234
	Karimganj	1	0	9	21	0	119	10	140	150
	Hailakandi	1	0	5	7	3	138	9	145	154
	Bongaigaon	0	0	4	8	1	73	5	81	86
	Chirang	0	0	2	9	0	38	2	47	49
	Kamrup	1	0	12	27	3	195	16	222	238
	Kamrup Metro	1	0	36	4	7	16	44	20	64

	Nalbari	1	0	7	18	1	122	9	140	149
	Baksa	0	0	2	14	0	115	2	129	131
	Darrang	1	0	4	7	2	62	7	69	76
	Udalguri	0	0	5	8	2	87	7	95	102
Bihar	Gaya	1	0	17	24	0	253	18	277	295
	Jahanabad	1	0	10	9	0	165	11	174	185
	Vaishali	1	0	8	23	0	255	9	278	287
	Munger	1	0	10	10	0	253	11	263	274
	Jamui	1	0	6	3	0	32	7	35	42
	Lakhisarai	0	0	5	2	0	73	5	75	80
	Shekhpura	0	0	5	2	0	30	5	32	37
	Nalanda	1	0	18	22	3	355	22	377	399
	Bhojpur	1	0	13	29	1	257	15	286	301
	Buxar	1	0	5	23	1	164	7	187	194
	Patna	2	0	78	17	1	246	81	263	344
	Aurangabad	1	0	4	12	0	180	5	192	197
	Arwal	0	0	3	8	0	120	3	128	131
	Bhagalpur	1	0	26	25	6	448	33	473	506
	Banka	1	0	3	0	0	31	4	31	35
	Nawada	1	0	3	22	0	202	4	224	228
	Rohtas	1	0	11	18	0	196	12	214	226
	Kaimur	0	0	6	12	0	153	6	165	171
	Begusarai	1	0	13	14	7	173	21	187	208
	Khagaria	0	0	7	9	2	149	9	158	167
	Samastipur	1	0	8	32	1	353	10	385	395
	Saharsa	1	0	4	14	1	203	6	217	223
	Madhepura	0	0	3	16	1	179	4	195	199
	Supaul	1	0	2	11	0	146	3	157	160
	Siwan	1	0	5	27	1	253	7	280	287
	Gopalganj	1	0	4	19	0	221	5	240	245
	Sitamarhi	1	0	6	12	3	153	10	165	175
	Seohar	0	0	3	7	2	146	5	153	158
	Purnea	1	0	13	17	3	203	17	220	237
	Araria	0	0	3	5	0	91	3	96	99
	Katihar	1	0	10	8	0	147	11	155	166
	Kishanganj	0	0	2	3	0	103	2	106	108
	Motihari	1	0	14	29	0	378	15	407	422
	Bettiah	1	0	12	10	4	249	17	259	276
	Madhubani	1	0	10	29	0	375	11	404	415
	Darbhanga	2	0	13	32	2	324	17	356	373
	Chapra	1	1	8	44	1	338	10	383	393
	Muzaffarpur	1	0	18	38	3	369	22	407	429
Chhattisgarh	Bastar	1	0	4	6	1	128	6	134	140
	Kondagaon	0	0	6	2	0	84	6	86	92
	Kanker	1	0	10	2	1	137	12	139	151
	Narayanpur	0	0	1	0	0	19	1	19	20
	Dantewada	0	0	4	1	6	62	10	63	73
	Bijapur	0	0	3	2	0	56	3	58	61
	Sukma	0	0	0	4	0	49	0	53	53
	Bilaspur	1	0	23	7	2	171	26	178	204
	Mungeli	0	0	2	1	0	68	2	69	71
	Korba	1	0	9	11	1	90	11	101	112
	Janjgir-Champa	0	0	11	10	2	233	13	243	256

	Durg	2	0	38	2	0	97	40	99	139
	Rajnandgaon	1	0	11	5	1	157	13	162	175
	Balod	0	0	6	5	0	112	6	117	123
	Bemetara	0	0	5	2	0	72	5	74	79
	Kabirdham	0	0	2	2	0	66	2	68	70
	Raipur	1	0	34	0	5	99	40	99	139
	Mahasamund	0	0	6	2	0	129	6	131	137
	Baloda Bazar	0	0	11	5	0	137	11	142	153
	Dhamtari	0	0	5	3	0	96	5	99	104
	Gariaband	0	0	4	5	0	76	4	81	85
	Raigarh	1	0	7	12	0	266	8	278	286
	Jashpur Nagar	0	0	5	8	1	144	6	152	158
	Sarguja	1	0	5	3	0	63	6	66	72
	Balrampur	0	0	5	0	0	70	5	70	75
	Korea	0	0	13	3	2	46	15	49	64
	Surajpur	0	0	4	2	2	64	6	66	72
Delhi	North Delhi	1	0	30	0	1	1	32	1	33
	North West	0	0	50	2	22	33	72	35	107
	West Delhi	2	0	47	0	7	6	56	6	62
	South West Delhi	1	0	82	3	15	40	98	43	141
	Central Delhi	2	0	54	0	0	0	56	0	56
	New Delhi	3	0	30	0	3	0	36	0	36
	South Delhi	1	0	20	0	7	0	28	0	28
	South East Delhi	0	0	15	0	1	0	16	0	16
	East Delhi	1	0	25	0	1	1	27	1	28
	Shahdara	1	0	16	0	1	0	18	0	18
	North East Delhi	0	0	21	0	5	3	26	3	29
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	3	0	127	19	14	300	144	319	463
	Gandhinagar	2	0	28	20	7	160	37	180	217
	Botad	0	0	7	4	0	89	7	93	100
	Surendranagar	1	0	17	17	1	296	19	313	332
	Mahesana	1	0	17	35	1	260	19	295	314
	Sabarkantha	1	0	8	22	0	301	9	323	332
	Arvali	0	0	4	17	0	227	4	244	248
	Patan	1	0	20	9	3	233	24	242	266
	Banaskantha	1	0	10	22	1	373	12	395	407
	Amreli	1	0	18	22	0	315	19	337	356
	Bhavnagar	1	0	31	18	2	279	34	297	331
	Rajkot	2	0	46	33	3	374	51	407	458
	Jamnagar	1	0	25	19	5	193	31	212	243
	Devbhoomi Dwarka	0	0	9	6	2	122	11	128	139
	Junagadh	1	0	16	17	1	191	18	208	226
	Gir Somnath	0	0	10	8	0	140	10	148	158
	Kachchh	1	0	19	44	4	430	24	474	498
	Porbandar	1	0	21	7	0	138	22	145	167
	Morbi	0	0	4	0	0	43	4	43	47
	Anand	1	0	23	40	0	203	24	243	267
	Kheda	2	0	14	35	0	226	16	261	277
	Mahisager	0	0	4	12	0	171	4	183	187
	Surat	3	0	67	39	57	312	127	351	478
	Tapi	0	0	5	13	0	155	5	168	173
	Dang	0	0	1	4	0	51	1	55	56
	Bharuch	1	0	19	32	2	341	22	373	395

	Narmada	0	0	2	10	0	143	2	153	155
	Panchmahal	1	0	10	12	0	200	11	212	223
	Dahod	1	0	4	11	1	211	6	222	228
	Vadodara	3	0	55	34	5	502	63	536	599
	Navsari	2	0	10	29	2	244	14	273	287
	Chhotaudepur	0	0	0	2	0	26	0	28	28
	Valsad	1	0	11	24	4	231	16	255	271
Daman & Diu	Diu	0	0	2	2	1	1	3	3	6
	Daman	0	0	2	1	0	11	2	12	14
Dadar & NH	D.N.H.	0	0	1	2	1	37	2	39	41
Haryana	Ambala	2	0	28	11	8	89	38	100	138
	Yamunanagar	1	0	14	7	0	100	15	107	122
	Panchkula	0	0	15	7	10	18	25	25	50
	Bhiwani	1	0	10	14	0	124	11	138	149
	Charkhi Dadri	0	0	3	8	0	65	3	73	76
	Faridabad	1	0	34	1	3	29	38	30	68
	Palwal	0	0	6	1	0	56	6	57	63
	Gurgaon	1	0	26	10	13	55	40	65	105
	Mewat	0	0	4	2	0	45	4	47	51
	Rewari	0	0	6	12	1	115	7	127	134
	Mahendergarh	1	0	7	4	2	105	10	109	119
	Hisar	1	0	27	7	5	170	33	177	210
	Sirsa	1	0	11	9	0	141	12	150	162
	Fatehabad	0	0	7	5	0	129	7	134	141
	Karnal	1	0	23	10	2	130	26	140	166
	Jind	1	0	11	7	0	144	12	151	163
	Panipat	1	0	11	10	2	74	14	84	98
	Kurukshetra	1	0	13	7	1	108	15	115	130
	Kaithal	0	0	8	6	1	88	9	94	103
	Rohtak	1	0	16	11	0	92	17	103	120
	Jhajjar	1	0	9	14	0	117	10	131	141
	Sonepat	1	0	18	17	1	141	20	158	178
Himachal Pradesh	Bilaspur	1	0	6	22	0	117	7	139	146
	Chamba	1	0	8	18	0	195	9	213	222
	Hamirpur	1	1	6	43	0	179	7	223	230
	Kangra	4	0	9	92	1	543	14	635	649
	Kinnaur	0	1	0	12	0	59	0	72	72
	Kullu	1	0	6	19	0	129	7	148	155
	Lahaul Spiti	0	1	0	7	0	38	0	46	46
	Mandi	2	0	11	44	1	312	14	356	370
	Shimla	2	0	29	37	3	286	34	323	357
	Sirmaur	1	0	5	10	0	151	6	161	167
	Solan	1	0	12	20	2	153	15	173	188
	Una	1	0	5	30	0	150	6	180	186
Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu	2	0	53	8	5	126	60	134	194
	Samba	0	0	7	3	0	44	7	47	54
	Kathua	1	0	6	9	2	110	9	119	128
	Udhampur	1	0	6	9	0	94	7	103	110
	Doda	0	0	2	4	0	52	2	56	58
	Kishtwar	0	0	2	1	0	22	2	23	25
	Ramban	0	0	3	2	0	48	3	50	53
	Reasi	0	0	4	4	0	58	4	62	66

	Rajouri	1	0	5	8	0	122	6	130	136
	Poonch	0	0	1	3	0	59	1	62	63
	Srinagar	1	0	38	1	5	43	44	44	88
	Budgam	0	0	3	0	0	39	3	39	42
	Ganderbal	0	0	2	1	0	24	2	25	27
	Anantnag	1	0	14	5	0	134	15	139	154
	Kulgam	0	0	1	1	0	35	1	36	37
	Pulwama	0	0	4	4	0	48	4	52	56
	Shopian	0	0	1	0	0	14	1	14	15
	Baramulla	1	0	6	7	4	133	11	140	151
	Bandipora	0	0	2	3	1	48	3	51	54
	Kupwara	0	0	2	4	0	72	2	76	78
	Leh	1	0	2	5	1	46	4	51	55
	Kargil	0	0	2	5	0	46	2	51	53
Jharkhand	East Singhbhum	1	0	31	8	1	148	33	156	189
	West Singhbhum	1	0	5	15	0	110	6	125	131
	Seraikella Kharswan	0	0	10	2	0	85	10	87	97
	Palamau	1	0	5	13	0	161	6	174	180
	Garhwa	0	0	1	7	0	82	1	89	90
	Latehar	0	0	1	6	0	73	1	79	80
	Ranchi	2	0	40	19	3	232	45	251	296
	Giridih	1	0	7	31	2	212	10	243	253
	Dhanbad	1	0	58	8	14	118	73	126	199
	Bokaro	1	0	13	3	4	58	18	61	79
	Gumla	1	0	2	7	0	99	3	106	109
	Khunti	0	0	4	4	0	89	4	93	97
	Lohardaga	0	0	3	5	0	77	3	82	85
	Simdega	0	0	1	7	0	105	1	112	113
	Hazaribagh	1	0	7	17	1	89	9	106	115
	Ramgarh	1	0	4	19	1	62	6	81	87
	Chatra	0	0	1	4	1	72	2	76	78
	Koderma	0	0	3	7	2	74	5	81	86
	Dumka	1	0	8	12	2	169	11	181	192
	Deoghar	1	0	12	5	5	130	18	135	153
	Pakur	0	0	2	5	0	75	2	80	82
	Godda	0	0	1	7	1	116	2	123	125
	Jamtara	0	0	3	5	0	88	3	93	96
	Sahibganj	0	0	3	7	0	94	3	101	104
Karnataka	Bengaluru Urban Dt	7	0	174	18	16	64	197	82	279
	Bengaluru Rural Dt	0	0	6	10	0	119	6	129	135
	Ramanagara	1	0	7	13	2	158	10	171	181
	Chikkamagaluru	2	0	14	37	2	246	18	283	301
	Chamarajanagar	1	0	7	15	5	177	13	192	205
	Chikkaballapura	1	0	12	14	0	171	13	185	198
	Chitradurga	1	0	13	29	0	274	14	303	317
	Dakshina Kannada	3	0	52	56	23	346	78	402	480
	Davangere	1	0	21	25	5	209	27	234	261
	Hassan	2	0	18	38	3	353	23	391	414
	Kodagu	1	0	4	20	0	188	5	208	213
	Kolar	1	0	24	14	4	176	29	190	219
	Mandya	2	0	16	32	0	302	18	334	352
	Mysuru	3	0	47	28	0	307	50	335	385
	Shivamogga	3	0	29	36	12	275	44	311	355

	Tumakuru	2	0	29	44	2	481	33	525	558
	Udupi	4	0	17	56	14	236	35	292	327
	Bagalkot	2	0	27	18	7	280	36	298	334
	Belagavi	6	0	58	78	23	568	87	646	733
	Bellari	2	0	37	35	9	365	48	400	448
	Bidar	1	0	14	18	5	266	20	284	304
	Vijayapura	1	0	19	31	0	354	20	385	405
	Dharwad	2	0	50	12	8	140	60	152	212
	Gadag	1	0	16	11	6	136	23	147	170
	Koppal	1	0	13	17	1	186	15	203	218
	Kalaburgi	1	0	22	25	5	367	28	392	420
	Yadgiri	1	0	7	16	2	178	10	194	204
	Haveri	1	0	13	23	4	219	18	242	260
	Raichur	1	0	18	18	2	248	21	266	287
	Uttara Kannada	3	0	31	56	17	384	51	440	491
Kerala	Kasargod	2	0	9	20	7	195	18	215	233
	Kannur	3	0	64	37	84	194	151	231	382
	Wayanad	1	0	1	17	0	143	2	160	162
	Kozhikode	4	0	52	45	47	262	103	307	410
	Malappuram	3	0	14	89	20	311	37	400	437
	Palakkad	3	1	24	117	16	294	43	412	455
	Thrissur	4	1	57	109	42	273	103	383	486
	Ernakulam	4	0	78	62	25	221	107	283	390
	Idukki	1	1	6	46	2	240	9	287	296
	Kottayam	4	1	26	97	13	267	43	365	408
	Alappuzha	4	0	31	80	24	161	59	241	300
	Pathanamthitta	3	0	11	104	6	191	20	295	315
	Kollam	5	2	41	67	24	225	70	294	364
	Thiruvananthapuram	4	0	59	84	22	245	85	329	414
Lakshadweep	UT of Lakshadweep	0	0	6	3	0	1	6	4	10
Madhya Pradesh	Anooppur	0	0	9	4	2	97	11	101	112
	Bhopal	3	0	54	4	6	60	63	64	127
	Balaghat	1	0	7	14	4	203	12	217	229
	Betul	1	0	12	10	0	200	13	210	223
	Chhatarpur	1	0	21	13	0	345	22	358	380
	Chhindwara	1	0	17	10	7	237	25	247	272
	Dindori	0	0	2	5	0	75	2	80	82
	Damoh	1	0	10	8	0	142	11	150	161
	Harda	0	0	5	0	1	63	6	63	69
	Hoshangabad	1	0	18	3	3	150	22	153	175
	Mandla	1	0	4	11	2	129	7	140	147
	Narsinghpur	1	0	8	7	4	161	13	168	181
	Raisen	1	0	9	9	3	189	13	198	211
	Rewa	1	0	22	14	2	297	25	311	336
	Seoni	1	0	4	13	0	184	5	197	202
	Sagar	1	0	29	12	0	195	30	207	237
	Satna	1	0	15	12	6	257	22	269	291
	Shahdol	1	0	12	2	1	106	14	108	122
	Sidhi	1	0	4	4	0	136	5	140	145
	Singrauli	0	0	8	2	1	58	9	60	69
	Tikamgarh	1	0	13	8	1	164	15	172	187

	Umria	0	0	6	0	1	67	7	67	74
	Vidisha	1	0	10	8	0	142	11	150	161
	Sehore	1	0	9	10	9	141	19	151	170
	Rajgarh	1	0	12	2	4	148	17	150	167
	Panna	0	0	12	5	8	94	20	99	119
	Dewas	1	0	16	1	5	150	22	151	173
	Dhar	1	0	12	4	4	195	17	199	216
	Ratlam	1	0	15	8	3	156	19	164	183
	Jhabua	1	0	5	3	0	97	6	100	106
	Alirajpur	0	0	3	2	0	61	3	63	66
	Ujjain	1	0	20	12	5	153	26	165	191
	Shajapur	1	0	6	10	0	98	7	108	115
	Agar Malwa	0	0	1	5	1	55	2	60	62
	Gwalior	2	0	33	2	14	106	49	108	157
	Datia	0	0	7	5	1	121	8	126	134
	East Nimar	1	0	8	10	1	140	10	150	160
	West Nimar	1	0	9	8	1	168	11	176	187
	Burhanpur	0	0	7	1	1	50	8	51	59
	Barwani	0	0	6	2	0	111	6	113	119
	Guna	1	0	11	5	0	87	12	92	104
	Shivpuri	1	0	11	9	1	195	13	204	217
	Ashoknagar	1	0	5	4	0	85	6	89	95
	Mandsaur	1	0	12	8	1	194	14	202	216
	Neemuch	1	0	10	5	3	100	14	105	119
	Jabalpur	1	0	53	8	5	165	59	173	232
	Katini	1	0	10	8	3	145	14	153	167
	Morena	1	0	9	6	1	184	11	190	201
	Bhind	1	0	18	6	1	232	20	238	258
	Sheopur	0	0	5	0	0	59	5	59	64
	Indore	2	0	32	0	0	0	34	0	34
Maharashtra	Pune	3	0	141	70	19	560	163	630	793
	Solapur	2	0	38	52	7	435	47	487	534
	Ahmednagar	2	0	27	69	1	566	30	635	665
	Satara	2	0	31	60	2	571	35	631	666
	Mumbai	6	0	102	0	0	0	108	0	108
	Mumbai Suburban	3	0	119	0	2	0	124	0	124
	Aurangabad	1	0	30	18	3	289	34	307	341
	Jalna	1	0	16	16	0	156	17	172	189
	Beed	1	0	15	20	0	295	16	315	331
	Jalgaon	3	0	31	43	0	458	34	501	535
	Dhule	1	0	15	18	5	231	21	249	270
	Nandurbar	0	0	7	15	0	181	7	196	203
	Nanded	1	0	30	21	0	416	31	437	468
	Osmanabad	1	0	13	15	0	253	14	268	282
	Latur	1	0	11	19	0	258	12	277	289
	Parbhani	1	0	14	9	0	163	15	172	187
	Hingoli	0	0	6	3	0	112	6	115	121
	Sangli	2	0	22	58	2	334	26	392	418
	Kolhapur	3	0	39	54	1	466	43	520	563
	Ratnagiri	2	0	9	68	0	584	11	652	663
	Sindhudurg	2	0	5	48	0	316	7	364	371
	Akola	1	0	16	14	0	204	17	218	235
	Washim	0	0	7	7	0	150	7	157	164

	Amravati	2	0	31	21	4	396	37	417	454
	Buldana	2	0	15	18	1	317	18	335	353
	Chandrapur	1	0	16	19	0	294	17	313	330
	Gadchiroli	0	0	3	15	3	164	6	179	185
	Nagpur	3	0	80	23	1	239	84	262	346
	Bhandara	1	0	3	15	0	118	4	133	137
	Gondia	1	0	3	8	1	155	5	163	168
	Wardha	1	0	16	10	0	156	17	166	183
	Yavatmal	1	0	20	20	0	329	21	349	370
	Thane	2	0	70	10	19	207	91	217	308
	Palghar	0	1	11	25	0	183	11	209	220
	Raigad	2	0	25	40	4	287	31	327	358
	Nashik	3	0	48	47	16	557	67	604	671
Goa	North Goa	1	0	22	36	4	96	27	132	159
	South Goa	1	0	23	21	3	50	27	71	98
Tripura	North Tripura	1	0	1	10	4	101	6	111	117
	Unakoti	0	0	1	8	2	56	3	64	67
	Dhalai	0	0	1	9	1	59	2	68	70
	Khowai	0	0	1	4	1	59	2	63	65
	West Tripura	1	0	13	10	12	95	26	105	131
	Sepahijala	0	0	1	5	0	80	1	85	86
	Gomati	1	0	0	4	1	61	2	65	67
	South Tripura	0	0	0	12	0	95	0	107	107
Nagaland	Dimapur	0	0	6	3	4	44	10	47	57
	Mon	0	0	1	3	0	26	1	29	30
	Kohima	1	0	5	3	0	39	6	42	48
	Phek	0	0	0	4	0	32	0	36	36
	Mokokchong	0	0	1	6	2	43	3	49	52
	Kiphire	0	0	0	1	0	13	0	14	14
	Tuensang	0	0	1	1	0	25	1	26	27
	Longleng	0	0	0	1	0	7	0	8	8
	Zunheboto	0	0	1	1	0	17	1	18	19
	Peren	0	0	0	2	0	13	0	15	15
	Wokha	0	0	1	0	0	22	1	22	23
Meghalaya	East Khasi Hills	1	0	15	15	7	102	23	117	140
	West Khasi Hills	0	0	2	1	1	48	3	49	52
	South West Khasi Hills	0	0	0	1	0	18	0	19	19
	Ri-bhoi Dist.	0	0	2	6	0	31	2	37	39
	East Jaintia Hills	0	0	2	1	0	20	2	21	23
	West Jaintia Hills	0	0	1	3	2	47	3	50	53
	West Garo Hills	1	0	0	9	0	86	1	95	96
	South West Garo Hills	0	0	0	1	0	7	0	8	8
	South Garo Hills	0	0	0	3	0	11	0	14	14
	East Garo Hills	0	0	0	3	0	20	0	23	23
	North Garo Hills	0	0	0	1	0	22	0	23	23
Arunachal Pradesh	Papumpare	1	0	4	3	4	11	9	14	23
	Upper Dibang Valley	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	3
	Lower Dibang Valley	0	0	1	0	0	18	1	18	19
	West Siang	0	0	2	2	0	18	2	20	22
	East Siang	0	0	2	1	1	26	3	27	30
	Upper Siang	0	0	1	1	0	7	1	8	9

	West Kameng	0	0	2	4	0	18	2	22	24
	East Kameng	0	0	0	2	0	8	0	10	10
	Changlang	0	0	2	4	0	24	2	28	30
	Lohit	0	0	2	3	1	30	3	33	36
	Tirap	0	0	0	1	2	24	2	25	27
	Anjaw	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	9	9
	Tawang	0	0	1	2	0	10	1	12	13
	Upper Subansiri	0	0	1	0	0	12	1	12	13
	Lower Subansiri	0	0	1	1	0	14	1	15	16
	KurangKumey	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	9	9
	Longding	0	0	1	0	0	12	1	12	13
	Kra-Dadi	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	3
	Siang	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	4
	Namsai	0	0	1	2	0	20	1	22	23
Manipur	Imphal West	1	0	13	0	2	104	16	104	120
	Imphal East	0	0	3	2	2	55	5	57	62
	Bishanpur	0	0	4	1	3	71	7	72	79
	Chandal	0	0	1	2	0	25	1	27	28
	Churachandpur	0	0	0	5	3	71	3	76	79
	Senapati	0	0	0	10	2	70	2	80	82
	Thoubal	0	0	6	1	5	130	11	131	142
	Ukhrul	0	0	0	3	2	52	2	55	57
	Tamenglong	0	0	0	4	1	47	1	51	52
Mizoram	Aizwal	1	0	7	8	6	93	14	101	115
	Kolasib	0	0	1	3	2	23	3	26	29
	Champai	0	0	1	3	7	51	8	54	62
	Lunglei	0	0	2	3	4	65	6	68	74
	Lawngtlai	0	0	1	0	0	17	1	17	18
	Serchhip	0	0	1	3	2	20	3	23	26
	Mamit	0	0	2	2	1	31	3	33	36
	Saiha	0	0	1	0	1	28	2	28	30
Odisha	Angul	1	0	14	16	1	202	16	218	234
	Balasore	2	0	24	44	2	430	28	474	502
	Bargarh	1	0	4	22	0	213	5	235	240
	Bhadrak	1	0	16	34	0	268	17	302	319
	Balangir	1	0	20	22	1	244	22	266	288
	Boudh	0	0	4	10	1	103	5	113	118
	Cuttack	3	0	57	34	9	281	69	315	384
	Deogarh	0	0	2	3	0	53	2	56	58
	Dhenkanal	1	0	5	18	1	213	7	231	238
	Gajapati	1	0	6	12	0	131	7	143	150
	Ganjam	4	0	61	52	6	559	71	611	682
	Jagatsinghpur	1	0	8	22	1	188	10	210	220
	Jajpur	1	0	8	33	3	243	12	276	288
	Jharsuguda	1	0	13	6	5	61	19	67	86
	Kalahandi	1	0	9	22	1	274	11	296	307
	Kandhamal	1	0	8	20	2	236	11	256	267
	Kendrapara	1	0	5	31	6	242	12	273	285
	Keonjhar	1	0	18	32	1	396	20	428	448
	Khurda	2	0	58	23	14	231	74	254	328
	Koraput	2	0	19	20	0	153	21	173	194
	Malkangiri	0	0	4	5	0	100	4	105	109
	Mayurbhanj	2	0	24	61	1	623	27	684	711

	Nuapada	0	0	5	4	1	102	6	106	112
	Nabarangpur	0	0	6	10	0	188	6	198	204
	Nayagarh	1	0	3	22	0	178	4	200	204
	Puri	1	0	21	21	2	239	24	260	284
	Rayagada	1	0	11	12	0	189	12	201	213
	Sambalpur	1	0	14	18	4	165	19	183	202
	Sonepur	0	0	7	5	0	85	7	90	97
	Sundargarh	3	0	47	34	0	319	50	353	403
Punjab	Patiala	2	0	30	10	1	179	33	189	222
	Sangrur	1	0	21	8	0	171	22	179	201
	Ludhiana	3	0	56	48	1	283	60	331	391
	Amritsar	1	0	38	19	4	223	43	242	285
	Tarn Taran	1	0	4	18	0	164	5	182	187
	Bathinda	1	0	18	6	2	129	21	135	156
	Mansa	0	0	1	0	5	94	6	94	100
	Faridkot	1	0	4	5	0	62	5	67	72
	Moga	1	0	7	16	0	143	8	159	167
	Ferozepur	1	0	14	3	0	107	15	110	125
	Fazilka	0	0	10	7	0	122	10	129	139
	Muktsar	0	0	5	8	0	123	5	131	136
	Gurdaspur	2	0	12	17	2	171	16	188	204
	Pathankot	0	0	10	9	0	54	10	63	73
	Hoshiarpur	2	0	20	45	0	338	22	383	405
	Jalandhar	2	0	61	42	2	261	65	303	368
	SBS Nagar	0	0	8	15	0	103	8	118	126
	Kapurthala	2	0	13	14	1	92	16	106	122
	Barnala	0	0	8	3	0	59	8	62	70
	Fatehgarh Sahib	0	0	16	5	0	30	16	35	51
	Ropar	1	0	11	13	0	90	12	103	115
	Mohali	0	0	15	11	1	70	16	81	97
Chandigarh	Chandigarh UT	1	0	39	2	2	7	42	9	51
Rajasthan	Ajmer	4	0	52	41	5	308	61	349	410
	Alwar	2	0	20	39	0	424	22	463	485
	Banswara	1	0	6	16	0	245	7	261	268
	Baran	0	0	6	8	0	183	6	191	197
	Barmer	1	0	7	26	0	447	8	473	481
	Bhilwara	1	0	19	25	1	346	21	371	392
	Bikaner	1	0	26	18	3	219	30	237	267
	Bundi	1	0	9	10	1	155	11	165	176
	Bharatpur	2	0	24	22	2	353	28	375	403
	Chittorgarh	1	0	13	24	1	238	15	262	277
	Churu	2	0	26	15	0	302	28	317	345
	Dholpur	1	0	8	10	0	169	9	179	188
	Dungarpur	1	0	3	24	0	268	4	292	296
	Dausa	1	0	5	23	0	215	6	238	244
	Hanumangarh Jn.	1	0	12	10	1	208	14	218	232
	Jaipur	5	0	82	42	5	439	92	481	573
	Jalore	1	0	5	18	0	243	6	261	267
	Jhalawar	1	0	5	13	0	226	6	239	245
	Jhunjhunu	2	0	26	36	0	348	28	384	412
	Jaisalmer	1	0	7	11	0	132	8	143	151
	Jodhpur	1	0	38	26	0	341	39	367	406
	Karauli	1	0	7	19	0	221	8	240	248

	Kota	2	0	24	16	2	142	28	158	186
	Nagaur	3	0	20	37	0	484	23	521	544
	Pali	1	1	18	34	0	318	19	353	372
	Pratapgarh	0	0	3	7	0	157	3	164	167
	Rajasmad	1	0	5	17	0	189	6	206	212
	Sawaimadhopur	2	0	8	19	0	185	10	204	214
	Sirohi	1	0	9	14	2	149	12	163	175
	Sikar	2	0	24	47	0	396	26	443	469
	Sri Ganga-nagar	1	0	16	17	0	297	17	314	331
	Tonk	1	0	10	12	2	197	13	209	222
	Udaipur	1	0	19	29	0	408	20	437	457
Tamil Nadu	Ariyalur	0	0	7	21	10	182	17	203	220
	Chennai	5	0	108	0	0	0	113	0	113
	Coimbatore	4	0	82	38	51	226	137	264	401
	Cuddalore	3	0	53	31	7	373	63	404	467
	Dharmapuri	1	0	16	14	2	226	19	240	259
	Dindigul	3	0	28	41	7	380	38	421	459
	Erode	3	0	22	44	9	277	34	321	355
	Kanchipuram	4	0	78	50	16	311	98	361	459
	Kanniyakumari	2	0	21	57	6	181	29	238	267
	Karur	2	0	12	23	2	203	16	226	242
	Krishnagiri	1	0	11	28	0	259	12	287	299
	Madurai	3	0	65	30	12	284	80	314	394
	Nagapattinam	3	0	16	69	15	284	34	353	387
	Namakkal	2	0	26	36	10	280	38	316	354
	Nilgiris	2	0	27	25	10	118	39	143	182
	Perambalur	1	0	3	20	0	115	4	135	139
	Pudukkottai	1	0	34	22	10	280	45	302	347
	Ramanathapuram	2	0	15	42	4	245	21	287	308
	Salem	3	0	62	46	15	390	80	436	516
	Sivaganga	4	0	37	42	6	221	47	263	310
	Thanjavur	5	0	43	64	15	384	63	448	511
	Theni	2	0	24	14	1	120	27	134	161
	Tuticorin	4	0	40	57	16	308	60	365	425
	Tiruvarur	3	0	13	56	13	278	29	334	363
	Tirunelveli	4	1	48	87	7	402	59	490	549
	Trichirappalli	4	0	75	43	22	341	101	384	485
	Tiruvallur	3	0	59	25	23	260	85	285	370
	Tirupur	3	0	15	47	6	295	24	342	366
	Tiruvannamalai	2	0	14	58	5	407	21	465	486
	Vellore	5	0	73	70	6	513	84	583	667
	Villupuram	4	0	11	76	0	557	15	633	648
	Virudhunagar	4	0	35	40	0	202	39	242	281
Puducherry	Karaikal	0	0	4	6	3	14	7	20	27
	Pondicherry	1	0	13	4	10	33	24	37	61
	Yanam	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Mahe	0	0	1	0	3	0	4	0	4
Telangana	Adilabad	1	0	6	8	1	126	8	134	142
	Bhadradi	2	0	17	17	3	211	22	228	250
	Hyderabad	6	0	125	0	21	0	152	0	152
	Jagtial	1	0	14	8	2	160	17	168	185
	Jangaon	1	0	5	14	3	126	9	140	149
	Jayashankar (Bhupalapalli)	0	0	0	15	0	174	0	189	189

	Jogulamba (Gadwal)	1	0	1	11	0	150	2	161	163
	Kamareddy	1	0	4	18	1	168	6	186	192
	Karimnagar	2	0	10	17	2	163	14	180	194
	Khammam	1	0	14	23	2	284	17	307	324
	Komaram Bheem (Asifabad)	0	0	3	7	2	109	5	116	121
	Mahabubabad	1	0	1	13	0	167	2	180	182
	Mahabubnagar	2	0	10	23	0	256	12	279	291
	Mancherial	1	0	8	16	2	101	11	117	128
	Medak	1	0	4	24	2	182	7	206	213
	Medchal	0	0	13	0	36	0	49	0	49
	Nagarkurnool	0	0	1	17	0	201	1	218	219
	Nalgonda	2	0	13	20	7	291	22	311	333
	Nirmal	0	0	4	11	1	109	5	120	125
	Nizamabad	2	0	17	24	3	243	22	267	289
	Peddapalli	1	0	9	13	2	118	12	131	143
	Rajanna (Sircilla)	0	0	8	2	0	103	8	105	113
	Rangareddy	0	0	48	19	19	194	67	213	280
	Sangareddy	2	0	17	27	2	210	21	237	258
	Siddipet	1	0	6	21	1	223	8	244	252
	Suryapet	1	0	4	13	2	191	7	204	211
	Vikarabad	0	1	0	12	0	133	0	146	146
	Wanaparthy	1	0	0	6	0	70	1	76	77
	Warangal Rural	0	1	0	12	0	112	0	125	125
	Warangal Urban	2	0	30	8	5	105	37	113	150
	Yadadri (Bhongir)	1	0	7	7	2	173	10	180	190
Uttar Pradesh	Agra	2	0	70	20	11	252	83	272	355
	Akbarpur	1	0	7	31	3	351	11	382	393
	Aligarh	1	0	36	20	13	266	50	286	336
	Allahabad	2	0	59	27	0	350	61	377	438
	Amethi	1	0	1	16	0	173	2	189	191
	Amroha	1	0	13	1	1	76	15	77	92
	Auraiya	1	0	10	8	2	134	13	142	155
	Azamgarh	1	0	18	26	5	357	24	383	407
	Baghpat	1	0	11	6	0	125	12	131	143
	Bahraich	1	0	8	16	3	265	12	281	293
	Ballia	2	0	16	30	0	305	18	335	353
	Balrampur	1	0	6	10	4	163	11	173	184
	Banda	1	0	14	4	2	186	17	190	207
	Barabanki	1	0	18	21	0	321	19	342	361
	Bareilly	1	0	50	2	18	217	69	219	288
	Basti	1	0	13	20	1	258	15	278	293
	Bhadohi	0	0	2	12	0	89	2	101	103
	Bijnor	2	0	35	8	0	258	37	266	303
	Budaun	1	0	28	3	11	282	40	285	325
	Bulandshahre	2	0	33	9	3	265	38	274	312
	Chandauli	0	0	8	11	0	161	8	172	180
	Chitrakoot	0	0	6	1	1	77	7	78	85
	Deoria	1	0	16	16	0	256	17	272	289
	Etah	1	0	11	4	1	159	13	163	176
	Etawah	1	0	18	6	1	152	20	158	178
	Faizabad	1	0	22	26	12	247	35	273	308

	Farrukhabad	1	0	26	10	7	155	34	165	199
	Fatehpur	1	0	12	16	1	225	14	241	255
	Firozabad	1	0	13	7	4	138	18	145	163
	G.B. Nagar	1	0	27	4	0	87	28	91	119
	Gazipur	1	0	18	33	1	325	20	358	378
	Ghaziabad	1	0	39	1	11	69	51	70	121
	Gonda	1	0	15	23	2	310	18	333	351
	Gorakhpur	2	0	35	23	8	352	45	375	420
	Hamirpur	1	0	6	7	2	116	9	123	132
	Hapur	1	0	7	5	2	86	10	91	101
	Hardoi	1	0	27	9	2	294	30	303	333
	Hathras	0	0	10	10	1	160	11	170	181
	Jalaun	1	0	9	5	0	139	10	144	154
	Jaunpur	1	0	21	31	2	366	24	397	421
	Jhansi	1	0	35	1	16	160	52	161	213
	Kannauj	0	0	12	9	1	83	13	92	105
	Kanpur Dehat	0	0	12	11	1	278	13	289	302
	Kanpur Nagar	3	0	89	6	3	75	95	81	176
	Kasganj	0	0	12	1	1	117	13	118	131
	Kaushambi	0	0	3	11	0	93	3	104	107
	Kheri	1	0	13	18	4	351	18	369	387
	Kushinagar	1	0	12	8	0	198	13	206	219
	Lalitpur	1	0	22	3	1	218	24	221	245
	Lucknow	2	0	115	12	143	14	260	26	286
	Maharajganj	0	0	6	12	0	179	6	191	197
	Mahoba	0	0	7	3	1	84	8	87	95
	Mainpuri	1	0	15	5	4	145	20	150	170
	Mathura	1	0	39	9	4	161	44	170	214
	Mau	1	0	9	15	3	174	13	189	202
	Meerut	2	0	55	7	19	173	76	180	256
	Mirzapur	1	0	14	9	5	162	20	171	191
	Moradabad	1	0	25	5	5	128	31	133	164
	Mujaffarnagar	1	0	27	9	1	182	29	191	220
	Pilibhit	1	0	11	3	1	129	13	132	145
	Pratapgarh	1	0	12	32	2	317	15	349	364
	Raebareli	2	0	20	34	3	389	25	423	448
	Rampur	1	0	21	1	2	105	24	106	130
	Saharanpur	1	0	32	12	0	167	33	179	212
	Sambhal	0	0	10	1	3	85	13	86	99
	Sant kabirnagar	0	0	5	7	0	173	5	180	185
	Shahjahanpur	1	0	27	6	8	262	36	268	304
	Shamli	0	0	15	0	2	83	17	83	100
	Shrawasti	0	0	2	5	0	94	2	99	101
	Sidharthnagar	1	0	7	9	0	197	8	206	214
	Sitapur	1	0	28	13	6	371	35	384	419
	Sonebhadra	0	0	10	14	1	123	11	137	148
	Sultanpur	1	0	10	21	0	277	11	298	309
	Unnao	1	0	15	8	8	239	24	247	271
	Varanasi	2	0	59	24	10	165	71	189	260
Uttarakhand	Almora	2	0	10	27	1	289	13	316	329
	Bageshwar	0	0	2	12	0	138	2	150	152
	Chamoli	1	0	12	17	1	230	14	247	261
	Rudrapryag	0	0	4	10	0	116	4	126	130

	Dehradun	2	0	53	16	4	171	59	187	246
	Haridwar	1	0	30	8	0	75	31	83	114
	Nainital	2	0	15	12	0	130	17	142	159
	U.S. Nagar	0	0	17	5	4	85	21	90	111
	Pauri	3	0	9	41	1	370	13	411	424
	Pithoragarh	1	0	8	24	0	292	9	316	325
	Champawat	0	0	3	5	0	72	3	77	80
	Tehri	1	0	12	14	2	232	15	246	261
	Uttarkashi	0	0	6	8	1	115	7	123	130
West Bengal	Kolkata	7	0	267	0	2	6	276	6	282
	North 24 Paragma	4	0	132	38	34	419	170	457	627
	Nadia	4	0	58	53	14	330	76	383	459
	South 24 Parganas	2	0	38	38	17	679	57	717	774
	Birbhum	2	0	29	30	1	415	32	445	477
	Murshidabad	3	0	36	45	8	486	47	531	578
	Hoogly	3	0	62	51	13	378	78	429	507
	Bankura	1	0	14	39	1	431	16	470	486
	Burdwan	5	0	111	71	55	528	171	599	770
	Howrah	2	0	64	30	11	237	77	267	344
	Purulia Dn	1	0	8	27	0	407	9	434	443
	West Midnapur	2	0	32	33	3	515	37	548	585
	East Midnapur	2	0	26	86	24	700	52	786	838
	North Dinajpur	0	0	16	7	0	172	16	179	195
	Alipurduar	0	0	6	13	0	106	6	119	125
	Coochbehar Dn	1	0	9	20	1	206	11	226	237
	Darjeeling Dn	2	0	58	12	0	150	60	162	222
	South Dinajpur Dn	1	0	10	11	1	155	12	166	178
	Jalpaiguri Dn	2	0	19	38	5	237	26	275	301
	Malda Dn	1	0	21	16	14	282	36	298	334
Sikkim	East Sikkim	1	0	9	5	0	77	10	82	92
	West Sikkim	0	0	2	1	0	47	2	48	50
	North Sikkim	0	0	1	1	0	21	1	22	23
	South Sikkim	0	0	1	2	0	41	1	43	44
A & N Island	South Andaman	1	0	11	4	3	29	15	33	48
	North & Middle Andaman	0	0	0	7	0	27	0	34	34
	Nicobar	0	0	0	4	0	14	0	18	18

ANNEXURE-II

[Refers Part (b) of the Question]

Postal Circle-wise number of Branch Post Offices(BOs) planned to be opened by relocation & redeployment under the Plan Scheme – “Rural Business & Access to Postal Network” during the financial year 2016-17 and BOs opened

upto 28.02.2017

Sl. No.	Name of the Postal Circles	No. of BOs planned to be opened	No. of BOs opened from 1.4.2016 upto 28.02.2017
1	Andhra Pradesh	6	5
2	Assam	4	2
3	Bihar	6	5
4	Chhattisgarh	6	6
5	Delhi	0	0
6	Gujarat including Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	4	4
7	Haryana	4	4
8	Himachal Pradesh	4	3
9	Jammu & Kashmir	2	1
10	Jharkhand	6	5
11	Karnataka	4	4
12	Kerala including Lakshadweep	0	0
13	Madhya Pradesh	5	3
14	Maharashtra including Goa	5	5
15	North East [States include Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura]	7	7
16	Odisha	6	5
17	Punjab including Chandigarh	5	3
18	Rajasthan	4	4
19	Telangana	3	3
20	Tamil Nadu including Puducherry	4	4
21	Uttarakhand	2	2
22	Uttar Pradesh	9	7
23	West Bengal including Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Sikkim	3	2
	Total	99	84

NORMS FOR OPENING AND UPGRADATION OF POST OFFICES

1. Norms for opening of Branch Post Offices (BOs):

1.1 Population:

(a) In Normal Areas:

3000 population in the group of villages to be served by the proposed post office (including 1000 population in the proposed post office village).

(b) In Hill, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas:

500 population in the individual village and 1000 population in the group of villages.

1.2 Distance:

(a) In Normal Areas: The minimum distance from the nearest existing post office should be 3 Kms.

(b) In Hill, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas: The distance limit will be the same as above. However, in hill areas, the minimum distance limit can be relaxed by the Postal Directorate in cases where such relaxation is warranted by special circumstances which should be clearly explained while submitting a proposal.

1.3 Anticipated Income:

(a) In Normal Areas: The minimum anticipated revenue will be 33.33 % of the cost.

(b) In Hill, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas: The minimum anticipated income will be 15% of the cost.

It is further to be ensured that as a result of opening of a new BO, the loss in respect of the parent post office does not increase beyond the permissible limit nor does its income reduce below the minimum prescribed.

2. Norms for upgrading/ opening of Departmental Sub Offices (SOs):

(a) In Rural Areas: The minimum work load of the Branch Post Office proposed to be upgraded, should be five hours per day. The permissible limit of annual loss is Rs.2400/- in normal rural areas and Rs.4800/- in hill and tribal areas.

It is further to be ensured that as a result of opening of a new post office, the loss in respect of the parent post office does not increase beyond the permissible limit nor does its income reduce below the minimum prescribed.

(b) In Urban Areas: In urban areas, the post office should initially be self-supporting and at the time of the first annual review, it should show a 5% profit to be eligible for further retention.

The minimum distance between two post offices should be 1.5 Km. in cities with a population of 20 lakhs and above and 2 Km. in other urban areas.

No two delivery offices, however, should be closer than 5 Kms. from each other.

Delivery Post Office in urban areas should have a minimum of 7 Postmen's beats.

3. Norms for opening of Head Post Offices (HOs):

Head Post Offices (HOs) are district level offices and the need/ justification for new HOs arises only occasionally. An HO is opened by conversion of a sub-post office into head post office or by bifurcation of an existing HO. The norms prescribed are:

- (i) Each district should have a head post office provided a minimum of 20 sub-post offices can be attached to it. In the case of backward areas or places where there will be a definite improvement in financing sub-post offices/ branch post offices, lower standard may be adopted, subject to the approval of the Postal Directorate.
- (ii) If there is no HO in a district, opening of HO can be considered, if at least 20 SOs in the same district can be attached with advantage, to the proposed HO irrespective of the fact whether parent HO has 60 SOs or not. It has, however, to be ensured that such upgradation does not bring the number of SOs in account with residuary HO below 20.
- (iii) An existing HO should be bifurcated, if the number of sub-offices attached to it exceeds 60. It should however, be ensured that as a result of the bifurcation neither the new nor old HO has less than 20 sub-offices attached to it.
