

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1001
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH FEBRUARY, 2017**

DIGITISATION OF POST OFFICES

1001. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:
SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to digitally connect rural post offices across the country and enable core banking facilities to 1,20,000 other post offices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to set up over 1,000 ATMs in three months for the convenience of post office savings bank customers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Yes Madam. Government is digitally connecting all 1,29,345 Gramin Dak Sewak (GDS) Post offices in rural areas. The Rural Information and Communication Technology (RICT) segment under the IT Modernization Project of Department of Posts which is under implementation phase, will digitally connect 1,29,345 Gramin Dak Sewak Post Offices in rural areas across the Country by December, 2017. Core Banking Solution (CBS) is being implemented in 25297 Departmental Post Offices of the country. As on 31-01-2017, 23147 Departmental Post Offices have been migrated to CBS platform and 8729 GDS Post offices have been migrated to RICT platform and are being enabled with CBS facilities.

(d) & (e) Yes Madam, As part of the IT Modernization Project the Government has decided to provide ATM facility for POSB customers. As of now 970 ATMs have been installed at major post offices across the country. The Circle wise details of number of ATMs Installed is at **Annexure A**.

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The Circle wise details of number of ATMs Installed as on 31-02-2017

Circle	ATM Installed at Post Offices
ANDHRA PRADESH	95
ASSAM	26
BIHAR	43
CHHATTISGARH	14
DELHI	26
GUJARAT	41
HARYANA	20
HIMACHAL PRADESH	20
JAMMU & KASHMIR	9
JHARKHAND	19
KARNATAKA	76
KERALA	42
MADHYA PRADESH	52
MAHARASHTRA	75
NORTH EASTERN	13
ORISSA	44
PUNJAB	26
RAJASTHAN	64
TAMILNADU	97
UTTAR PRADESH	86
UTTARAKHAND	18
WEST BENGAL	64
GRAND TOTAL	970
