

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6279  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**POST OFFICES IN RENTED APARTMENTS**

†6279. SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several post offices are being run in rented premises in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the time by which these offices are likely to function in their own premises;
- (b) the number of post offices and sub-post offices that are likely to be set up during the current financial year;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide postal services in each village of the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) the number of residential colonies for postal employees, postal circle-wise; and
- (e) whether these colonies are adequate to cater to the demands of the employees and if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps 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) Yes, Madam. Several post offices are functioning from rented buildings. The State/UT-wise details of the post offices functioning from rented buildings are enclosed as **Annexure A**. The shifting of post offices to their own premises is an ongoing activity subject to availability of land and funds.
- (b) The Department has planned to open 166 new Branch Post Offices and 80 Sub post offices during the current financial year 2017-18.
- (c) Postal services are available all over the country through a network of 1.55 lakhs post offices. Villages not having post offices are served by nearby post offices. In addition, Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendra and Franchise outlets are also opened to provide basic postal facilities to Gram Panchayats/villages not having post offices.
- (d) & (e) There are 823 residential colonies for postal employees across the country. The Postal Circle-wise details are enclosed as **Annexure B**. Though, the staff quarters are adequate in most of the Postal Circles, the projects for construction of staff quarters are taken up as a Plan activity subject to fund availability.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 6279

Annexure 'A'

State/UT	Number of Rented buildings
Andhra Pradesh	1311
Telangana	642
Assam	440
Bihar	775
Chhattisgarh	308
Delhi	153
Gujarat	1058
Daman & Diu	2
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
Haryana	361
Himachal Pradesh	393
Jharkhand	339
Jammu & Kashmir	202
Karnataka	1267
Kerala	1214
Lakshadweep	1
Madhya Pradesh	811
Maharashtra	1641
Goa	80
Meghalaya	35
Mizoram	23
Manipur	45
Nagaland	26
Arunachal Pradesh	12
Tripura	49
Orissa	1055
Punjab	498
Chandigarh	46
Rajasthan	876
Tamil Nadu	2234
Pondicherry	23
Uttar Pradesh	2056
Uttarakhand	301
West Bengal	1507
Sikkim	17
A&N Islands	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19819</b>

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (d) & (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 6279

Annexure 'B'

<b>Circles</b>	<b>Number of Postal colonies</b>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	36
<b>Telangana</b>	22
<b>Assam</b>	23
<b>Bihar</b>	38
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	11
<b>Delhi</b>	14
<b>Gujarat</b>	60
<b>Haryana</b>	22
<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	53
<b>Jharkhand</b>	16
<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	9
<b>Karnataka</b>	65
<b>Kerala</b>	22
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	53
<b>Maharashtra</b>	54
<b>North East</b>	20
<b>Odisha</b>	60
<b>Punjab</b>	14
<b>Rajasthan</b>	59
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	46
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	62
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	25
<b>West Bengal</b>	39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>823</b>

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