

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2677  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY, 2018**

**DIVYANG POSTAL ASSISTANTS**

†2677. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the departmental Divyang candidates are eligible to apply for/appear in departmental examination for the post of 'Inspector of Post Office';
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to formulate any new policy in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the provision of position of departmental Divyang Postal Assistants post office in other than their home town branch on deputation basis; and
- (e) if so, whether the Government proposes to make this policy a bit more flexible in order to enable Divyang Postal Assistants to get appointment near their home towns and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b) At present, the post of Inspector Posts is not an identified post for the Persons with Disabilities. As per Rule 238 of Postal Manual Volume IV, an Inspector of Posts must be a man of active habits and physically able to stand the strain of constant travelling by night as well as by day.
- (c) An exercise to assess various posts, including the post of 'Inspector Posts', for identification for new benchmark disabilities in terms of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 is underway.
- (d) & (e) Government has issued instructions for posting of Persons with Disabilities which *inter alia* provides that Persons with Disabilities recruited on regional basis may be given posting, as far as possible, subject to administrative constraints, near their native places within the region. Further, requests from such employees for transfer to or near their native places is also to be given preference.

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