

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2010  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**DIGITAL PAYMENT IN POST OFFICES**

†2010. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any target of enabling post offices for digital payments by April, 2018 through India Post Payments Bank (IPPB);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard so far; and
- (c) the number of active account holders of post office savings bank at present and the number of account holders likely to be added to this scheme through IPPB?

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, India Post Payments Bank aims to have a pan-India reach (650 branches co-located at District Headquarter Post Offices) by April 2018. These 650 branches will serve as controlling offices to service/monitor all the 1.55 lakh post offices (approximately) which will act as last mile access points.
- (b) Branch readiness in identified 650 branches is underway in terms of civil/electrical works, furniture/fixtures & technology setup. Apart from that recruitment of personnel is also being undertaken and so far 528 Managers (approximately) have been onboarded.
- (c) The number of active account holders of post office savings bank as on date 31.01.2018 is enclosed at **Annexure-I**. It is anticipated that India Post Payments Bank is likely to acquire approximately 8 crore customers in a span of five years from its launch. This figure is subject to market forces in the area of Digital Payments in the country over the next few years.

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**No of Live Accounts as on 31.01.2018**

<b>CIRCLE</b>	<b>Total no. of live accounts (all types) as on month under report (Excluding NREGA)</b>
Andhra Pradesh	31139943
Telangana	17123551
A.P.S	569919
Assam	8699186
Bihar	26167603
Chhattisgarh	4396057
Delhi	2782295
Gujarat	16871282
Haryana	6147419
Himachal Pradesh	5417346
Jammu and Kashmir	1824225
Jharkhand	12359067
Karnataka	16759941
Kerala	13125926
Madhya Pradesh	24381810
Maharashtra	29140927
NorthEast	2352345
Odisha	13778989
Punjab	6210152
Rajasthan	18076237
Tamil Nadu	25980365
Uttar Pradesh	38140991
Uttarakhand	6161882
West Bengal	27688708
<b>Total</b>	<b>355296166</b>

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