

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3137
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14th MARCH, 2018**

DIGITALLY CONNECTED POST OFFICES

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise total number of the post offices declared connected digitally in the country;
- (b) the State-wise number of the post offices yet to be made digitally literate; and
- (c) the time by which the remaining post offices are likely to be digitalised?

ANSWER

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

(a) All the 25,585 Departmental Post Offices are computerised in the country; 24,927 of these are networked under single Wide Area Network (WAN). Furthermore, under “Digital Advancement of Rural Post offices for a New India”(DARPAN) Project 58,722 Branch Post Offices out of a total of 1,29,380 Branch Post Offices are provided with SIM based Handheld devices for performing postal and financial transactions online. Details are furnished in **Annexure-I**.

(b) & (c) All the Departmental Post Offices will be brought under single WAN as soon as telecom connectivity becomes feasible. The rest of the 70,658 Branch Post Offices are planned to be covered under DARPAN Project by July 2018.

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ANNEXURE – I

Information on “Digitally Connected Post Offices” as on 07.03.2018

Sl. No.	Name of the Postal Circle/State/UTs	No. of Departmental Post Offices that are computerised	No. of Departmental Post Offices digitally connected under Single WAN	No. of Branch Post Offices	No. of Branch Post offices digitized under DARPAN Project
1	Andhra Pradesh	1594	1583	8782	2229
2	Assam	625	625	3387	3266
3	Bihar	1058	1030	7989	2890
4	Chhattisgarh	349	343	2815	1940
5	Delhi	407	407	147	88
6	Gujarat (including UTs Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman Diu)	1341	1329	7643	6719
7	Haryana	504	502	2184	2103
8	Himachal Pradesh	469	457	2319	1866
9	Jammu & Kashmir	266	256	1436	790
10	Jharkhand	463	439	2655	2618
11	Karnataka	1717	1712	7949	2554
12	Kerala (including UT Lakshadweep)	1507	1498	3554	3435
13	Madhya Pradesh	1021	1016	7258	5185
14	Maharashtra (Including Goa State)	2216	2215	10643	1984
15	North East (including Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, Nagaland, Mizoram & Arunachal Pradesh States)	340	267	2585	557
16	Odisha	1204	1189	6971	2357
17	Punjab (including UT Chandigarh)	768	767	3096	3057
18	Rajasthan	1335	1330	8976	5069
19	Tamil Nadu (including UT Puducherry)	2834	2580	9305	0
20	Telangana	852	852	4936	1841
21	Uttarakhand	393	372	2329	619
22	Uttar Pradesh	2554	2538	15116	7027
23	West Bengal (including UT Andaman & Nicobar Island and Sikkim State)	1768	1620	7305	528
	Total	25585	24927	129380	58722