

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1233
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th JULY, 2018**

SHORTAGES OF GDS IN MADHYA PRADESH

†1233. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is huge shortage of Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS) in the Parliamentary Constituency of Sagar and in Vidisha district of Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the number of the sanctioned posts as against the actual strength of GDS in the aforesaid region;
- (c) whether GDS are not willing to work in these districts due to shortcomings in the present selection process; and
- (d) the efforts made by the Government to start selection procedure at division level to recruit the locals and persons knowing regional language as Gramin Dak Sewaks?

ANSWER

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

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Sanctioned posts as against the actual strength of GDS in the Parliamentary Constituency of Sagar and Vidisha District of Madhya Pradesh are as under:-

Name of Region	Sanctioned Strength	Actual Strength (working)
Sagar	445	348
Vidisha	146	121

- (c) No, Madam. The Department is not cognizant of such a matter.
- (d) Online submission of applications for selection of GDS candidates has been introduced to ensure transparency. Selection process is carried out at divisional/sub divisional level in accordance with Gramin Dak Sevaks (Conduct & Engagement), Rules, 2011.
