

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1250
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th JULY, 2018**

DIGITIZATION OF RURAL POST OFFICES

†1250. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to connect the rural post offices in the country with digital system and to provide major banking facilities in other one lakh twenty thousand post offices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to install more than one thousand automatic teller machines to facilitate the customers of post office saving bank in the coming three months; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and 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) & (b) Yes madam, the Government under “Digital Advancement of Rural Post offices for a New India” (DARPAN) Project, is providing in a phased manner, SIM based Hand Held Devices in more than 1.29 lakhs Branch Post Offices in the rural areas of the country, for carrying out online Postal and Financial transactions. State/UT wise status of roll out of DARPAN Project as on 18.07.2018 is at **Annexure**.

(c) & (d) No madam, the Government does not propose to install more than one thousand automatic teller machines (ATMs) in the coming three months. As part of the IT Modernization Project 2012, the Department of Posts had planned to install only one thousand ATMs across the country out of which 995 ATMs have been installed as on 19.07.2018. At present there is no plan to further expand the ATM network of Department of Posts.

State/UT-wise list of Digital Advancement of Rural Post offices for a New India (DARPAN) Rolled Out Status as on 18.07.2018		
Sl. No.	States/UTs	No. of Branch Post Offices Rolled out
1	Andhra Pradesh	2,229
2	Arunachal Pradesh	21
3	Assam	3,266
4	Bihar	2,944
5	Chhattisgarh	1,940
6	Goa	138
7	Gujarat (Including UTs of Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli)	6,969
8	Jharkhand	2,618
9	Haryana	2,122
10	Himachal Pradesh	1,866
11	Jammu & Kashmir	1,232
12	Kerala (including UT of Lakshadweep)	3,495
13	Karnataka	3,105
14	Nagaland	230
15	Meghalaya	274
16	Maharashtra	3,299
17	Manipur	388
18	Madhya Pradesh	6,301
19	Mizoram	224
20	Orissa	2,609
21	Punjab (including UT of Chandigarh)	3,057
22	Rajasthan	6,224
23	Sikkim	0
24	Tamilnadu(Including UT of Puducherry)	0
25	Tripura	592
26	Telangana	2,883
27	Uttarakhand	619
28	Uttar Pradesh	7,143
29	West Bengal (including UT of Andaman & Nicobar Island)	650
30	Delhi NCT	88
	Total	66,526
