

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2349
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST AUGUST, 2018**

SAVING ACCOUNT OF GIRL CHILD IN POST OFFICES

2349. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of saving accounts of girl child that have been opened in post offices under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme during the last year and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to promote the opening of such accounts across the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Madam, No accounts are opened by the Post Offices under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme.

However, "Sukanya Samridhhi Accounts" are opened by the Post Offices. Such Accounts are for the welfare & well-being of the girl child. A total of 1694674 Sukanya Samridhhi Accounts were opened by the Post Offices in the year 2017-18. In the current financial year (2018-19), a total of 334064 Sukanya Samridhhi Accounts have been opened till 30 June, 2018. Circle-wise details of Sukanya Samridhhi Accounts opened last year (2017-18) and this year (2018-19, up to 30.06.2018) are given in the **Annexure**.

To promote the opening of Sukanya Samridhhi Accounts, the following practices are generally followed:-

- (i) Wide publicity of the scheme through distribution of handouts & display of banners.
- (ii) Marketing through visits to schools/educational institutions.
- (iii) Organising camps at hospitals, nursing homes etc for marketing of the Scheme amongst the parents of new born girl children.
- (iv) Marketing of the fact that this Scheme has triple-E exemptions under income tax –
 - (a) Exemption at the time of investment/deposits under Sec 80 C
 - (b) Exemption of interest accrued on yearly basis, and
 - (c) Exemption of maturity amount at the time of account closure.
- (v) Earlier, a Sukanya Samridhhi Account could be opened with an initial deposit of Rs. 1000/- which has now been reduced to Rs. 250/-. This will go a long way in promoting the Scheme across the country, especially in rural & tribal areas and amongst the poor people.

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Circle- wise Total No. of Sukanya Samriddhi Accounts opened during the year 2017-18 & 2018-19 (up to 30.06.2018)		
CIRCLE	2017-18	2018-19 (up to 30.06.2018)
ANDHRA PRADESH	85132	19179
ASSAM	19621	5236
BIHAR	115483	25186
DELHI	25641	5210
GUJARAT	58885	10420
HARYANA	48277	10685
HIMACHAL PRADESH	32029	7552
JAMMU & KASHMIR	5460	754
KARNATAKA	114430	31354
KERALA (including Lakshdweep)	45914	10163
MAHARASHTRA (including Goa)	157284	30180
MADHYA PRADESH	88441	17045
NORTH EAST(including Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland & Tripura)	8701	2125
ORISSA	72260	15037
PUNJAB(including Chandigarh)	47799	7569
RAJASTHAN	164232	25551
TAMILNADU(including Punucherry)	141518	24304
UTTAR PRADSH	184539	34405
WEST BENGAL (including Andaman & Nicobar and Sikkim)	65544	10282
CHHATISHGARH	90012	15873
JHARKHAND	30699	4796
UTTARKHANDK	34415	7271
TELANGANA	58358	13887
TOTAL	1694674	334064
