

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 787  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019**

**POST OFFICES**

**†787. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether post offices have been set up in all the villages in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise and the number of post offices likely to be set up during the current financial year;
- (c) whether e-mail, internet and computer facilities have been provided in all the post offices of the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the time by which the said facilities are likely to be provided in all the post offices?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND  
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

(a) & (b) No, Sir. There are a total of 5,97,608 inhabited villages in country as per census, 2011, of which 1,42,650 villages are having post offices, which serve other villages as well. The State/ UT-wise details of number of villages having post offices is **Annexed**. A total of 2000 Branch post offices in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas of 90 districts, 145 Branch post offices in other areas and 114 Sub post offices are likely to be opened during the current financial year 2019-20.

(c) & (d) Out of total 1,56,600 post offices functioning in the country, 1,29,161 Branch post offices in the rural areas have been provided with SIM-based Hand Held Devices for carrying out online transactions. All the 25,585 Departmental post offices have been provided with computer facilities, out of these 25,174 have internet facilities for carrying out online transactions. The remaining post offices will be provided with internet facility as and when Telecom Services Providers have the network facility in these location.

<b>Annexure</b>			
<b>State/UT-wise Number of inhabited villages (2011 Census) with Post Offices in the Country as on 31-03-2019</b>			
<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Name of the State /UT</b>	<b>Total No of villages (inhabited)</b>	<b>No. of villages with Post office</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	26286*	9500
<b>2</b>	<b>Telangana</b>		5200
<b>3</b>	<b>Assam</b>	25372	5383
<b>4</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	39073	8625
<b>5</b>	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	19567	3565
<b>6</b>	<b>Delhi</b>	103	160
<b>7</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	17843	8175
<b>8</b>	<b>Dadra &amp; Nagar Haveli</b>	65	38
<b>9</b>	<b>Daman &amp; Diu</b>	19	12
<b>10</b>	<b>Haryana</b>	6642	2321
<b>11</b>	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	17882	4043
<b>12</b>	<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	6337	1512
<b>13</b>	<b>Jharkhand</b>	29492	3508
<b>14</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>	27397	8703
<b>15</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	1017	1634
<b>16</b>	<b>Lakshadweep</b>	6	10
<b>17</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	51929	7474
<b>18</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	40959	11506
<b>19</b>	<b>Goa</b>	320	213
<b>20</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	5258	253
<b>21</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	2515	662
<b>22</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	6459	1964
<b>23</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	704	344
<b>24</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	1400	310
<b>25</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	863	534
<b>26</b>	<b>Odisha</b>	47675	7615
<b>27</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	12168	3409
<b>28</b>	<b>Chandigarh</b>	5	9
<b>29</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	43264	9679
<b>30</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	15049	10154
<b>31</b>	<b>Puducherry</b>	90	64
<b>32</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	15745	2518
<b>33</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	97814	15612
<b>34</b>	<b>West Bengal</b>	37469	7659
<b>35</b>	<b>Andaman &amp; Nicobar</b>	396	85
<b>36</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	425	197
	<b>Total</b>	<b>597608</b>	<b>142650</b>

\* The total number of villages of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana.

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