

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1315  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

**FIVE STAR VILLAGES SCHEME**

**1315. DR. TALARI RANGAIAH:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the five star villages scheme launched by Department of Posts to ensure universal coverage of flagship postal scheme in rural areas of the country;
- (b) the intended impact of the same and the products/services available under the scheme; and
- (c) the details of the progress made in this respect, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS  
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

(a) & (b) The Five Star Village Scheme was launched in the year 2020 to promote financial inclusion in rural areas. The Scheme intends to cover at least 100 households in a village with following postal services in the area of financial inclusion.

- i. Post Office Savings / Recurring Deposit / Time Deposit / Monthly Income Scheme / Senior Citizen Savings Scheme Account or National Savings Certificate / Kisan Vikas Patra
- ii. Sukanya Samridhi Yojana / Public Provident Fund
- iii. Funded Post Office Savings Account linked with India Post Payments Bank Account
- iv. Postal Life Insurance / Rural Postal Life Insurance
- v. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana / Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana

A village is accorded 1 star to 5 star status depending upon the number of above mentioned services covered by at least 100 households of the village.

- (c) Details of the villages covered under the Scheme are at in the **Annexure – A.**

**Annexure referred to in reply of para (c) for Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 1315 to be answered on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 regarding “Five Star Villages Scheme”**

<b>Postal Circle</b>	<b>States / Union Territories Covered</b>	<b>1 Star</b>	<b>2 Star</b>	<b>3 Star</b>	<b>4 Star</b>	<b>5 Star</b>
Andhra Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh	41	53	52	17	87
Assam	Assam	9	7	24	35	36
Bihar	Bihar	17	22	18	18	10
Chhattisgarh	Chhattisgarh	20	36	55	26	11
Delhi	Delhi	5	5	11	1	0
Gujarat	Gujarat and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	5	14	22	27	87
Haryana	Haryana	612	355	184	89	80
Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	45
Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh	11	0	2	1	10
Jharkhand	Jharkhand	7	13	4	6	3
Karnataka	Karnataka	31	7	5	2	280
Kerala	Kerala and Lakshadweep	14	13	18	14	129
Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh	22	15	19	26	27
Maharashtra	Maharashtra Goa	20	54	41	41	401
North East	Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura and Nagaland	4	3	7	3	84
Odisha	Odisha	644	484	124	118	94
Punjab	Punjab and Chandigarh	564	227	234	156	34
Rajasthan	Rajasthan	15	43	35	33	28
Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu and Puducherry	54	32	28	21	237
Telangana	Telangana	1,896	676	318	140	47
Uttar Pradesh	Uttar Pradesh	813	591	318	173	413
Uttarakhand	Uttarakhand	6	3	10	7	24
West Bengal	West Bengal, Sikkim and Andaman & Nicobar Islands	4,470	2,470	1,803	382	29
<b>Total</b>		<b>9,280</b>	<b>5,123</b>	<b>3,332</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>2,196</b>

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