

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2134
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND AUGUST, 2023**

POST OFFICES IN RENTED BUILDINGS

2134. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several post offices in the country functioning in rented building are facing closure to cut down the central expenditure, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether post office has registered an average growth over 12% in deposits during last 4 years period, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present status of post office bank in the country with expansion proposal in rural area as real and virtual market platform for farmers thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) No, sir. There is no proposal for closure of post offices functioning from rented building to cut down the central expenditure.
- (b) Yes, sir. The details are as below: -

Total Amount of Deposits in Post Office Saving Bank (Rs. in crores)						
Sl No.	Item	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23*
1	Amount of Deposit (In Crores)	557253.28	699260.76	785220.11	879387.04	946841.95
2	Percentage increase w.r.t. last year	-	25.48	12.29	11.99	7.67
Average Percentage increase in last 4 years		-	14.36			
*Supplementary 1 Period Account up to March, 2023						

- (c) India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) is rendering its services such as account opening, remittances, mobile banking, AADHAAR based cash withdrawal and UIDAI-Child Enrolment Lite Client (UIDAI-CELC) services through 1.44 lakhs post offices in rural areas of the country for all citizens including farmers. IPPB has started rolling out merchant services through Unified Payments Interface-Quick Response Code (UPI-QR) to village level micro and small business.
