GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2774
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH MARCH, 2020

DARPAN SCHEME

†2774. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)   the number of post offices that have been digitalised under (DARPAN) scheme till date, State/ UT-wise including Odisha.

(b)   whether the Government has any new Scheme to be launched in future to digitalise the rural post offices; and

(c)   if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS,
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

(a)   Sir, a total of 1,29,076 Branch Post offices have been digitalised under the Digital Advancement of Rural Post Office for A New India (DARPAN) Scheme including 6967 Branch Post Offices in Odisha. State/UT- wise details is at **Annexure.**

(b) & (c)   No Sir, at this point of time the Government does not have any plan to launch new scheme to digitalise the rural post offices.

Annexure referred to in reply of para (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2774 to be answered on 11th March 2020 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Basanta Kumar Panda, regarding "DARPAN Scheme".

SL. No.	Name of the State/Union Territory	No. of Branch Post Offices Rolled out under DARPAN
**State-wise/UT-wise details of DARPAN Rolled out Branch Post Offices**	
1	Andaman and Nicobar Island	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	8,932
3	Arunachal Pradesh	233
4	Assam	3,384
5	Bihar	7,962
6	Chandigarh	9
7	Chhattisgarh	2,815
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	45
9	Daman & Diu	13
10	Delhi	46
11	Goa	152
12	Gujarat	7,580
13	Haryana	2,183
14	Himachal Pradesh	2,316
15	Jammu & Kashmir	1,303
16	Jharkhand	2,647
17	Karnataka	7,936
18	Kerala	3,553
19	Laddakh	0
20	Lakshadweep	0
21	Madhya Pradesh	7,258
22	Maharashtra	10,491
23	Manipur	637
24	Meghalaya	403
25	Mizoram	343
26	Nagaland	286
27	Odisha	6,967
28	Puducherry	60
29	Punjab	3,087
30	Rajasthan	8,977
31	Sikkim	186
32	Tamil Nadu	9,206
33	Telangana	4,968
34	Tripura	627
35	Uttar Pradesh	15,110
36	Uttarakhand	2,316
37	West Bengal	7,045
	Total	**1,29,076**

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