

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1384
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th JULY, 2021**

SUB-POST OFFICE

†1384. SHRI BALAK NATH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of single handed Sub-Post-Offices functioning at present in Rajasthan, district-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to convert/ upgrade all these single handed Sub-Post Offices functioning in Alwar Lok Sabha constituency into double handed Post Offices and if so, the details thereof and the time by when it is likely to be done; and
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to fill up the aforesaid vacant posts in various cadres at the earliest in Jaipur and Ajmer circle for smooth functioning of the postal department and if so, the details thereof and the time by when it is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) Sir, there are 722 single handed Sub-Post Offices functioning at present in Rajasthan. The district-wise details are at **Annexure-I**.

(b) The Department carries out periodic establishment review of the post offices as per the laid down instructions/ guidelines inter-alia taking into account the workload of the post offices concerned. The status of the post office is thereafter reviewed as per the result of the aforementioned review.

At present, there is no proposal under consideration for upgradation of single handed Sub Post Offices functioning in Alwar Lok Sabha constituency.

(c) Yes Sir. The filling up of vacant posts in various cadre is carried out through Departmental Examination and Direct Recruitment as an ongoing process. The cadre-wise details of filling up of vacant posts for Jaipur and Ajmer are as below:

- i. The Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) vacancies upto 2020 have been filled up. Of the 246 vacant posts of Postman and 55 vacant posts of Postal Assistant/Sorting Assistant, examinations were conducted for filling up of 201 posts of Postman and 34 posts of Postal Assistants/Sorting Assistant for which the results could not be declared as the matter is pending adjudication before Rajasthan High Court. The details are at **Annexure II**. The balance 33 vacant posts of Multi-Tasking Staff, 45 vacant posts of Postman and 22 vacant post of Postal Assistant/Sorting Assistant are for the recruitment year 2021.

- ii. In addition, 53 posts of Postal Assistants/Sorting Assistant for vacancies of 2018, 2019 and 2020 and 2021 are to be filled through Direct Recruitment from Staff Selection Commission (SSC). For 13 vacancies of the year 2018, examination has been conducted by the Staff Selection Commission and candidates have been called for document verification and for 30 vacancies for the years 2019 and 2020 Tier-II examination is yet to be conducted as per information available on Staff Selection Commission website. The balance 10 vacancies are for the recruitment year 2021.
- iii. There are 36 Lower Selection Grade, 30 Higher Selection Grade I and 55 Higher Selection Grade II vacancies. The Departmental Promotion Committee for the cadre of Lower Selection Grade and Higher Selection Grade-II have been conducted up to the year 2020 and for Higher Selection Grade-I has been conducted up to the year 2016. In the above Departmental Promotion Committee of Higher Selection Grade-II and Higher Selection Grade-I, posts could not be filled up due to non-availability of eligible officials in the feeder cadre while the 36 Lower selection grade vacancies are for the recruitment year 2021.

Annexure- I

Annexure referred to in reply of para(a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred question No.1384 to be answered on 28.07.2021 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Balak Nath regarding "Sub Post Offices".

District wise number of single handed sub-post offices functioning at present in Rajasthan		
Sl. No.	Name of District	Number of Single Handed Sub Post Offices Functioning at present
1	Alwar	24
2	Bharatpur	20
3	Dholpur	17
4	Jaipur	40
5	Dausa	24
6	Sawaimadhopur	16
7	Karauli	15
8	Barmer	12
9	Bikaner	24
10	Churu	27
11	Jhunjhunu	35
12	Jodhpur	37
13	Jaisalmer	17
14	Nagaur	32
15	Pali	24
16	Sikar	48
17	Sirohi	11
18	Jalore	15
19	Sriganganagar	19
20	Hanumangarh	13
21	Ajmer	52
22	Bhilwara	22
23	Chittorgarh	25
24	Pratapgarh	6
25	Dungarpur	22
26	Banswara	16
27	Kota	26
28	Baran	9
29	Jhalawar	7
30	Tonk	15
31	Bundi	16
32	Udaipur	23
33	Rajsamand	13
	Total	722

Annexure referred to in reply of para(c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred question No.1384 to be answered on 28.07.2021 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Balak Nath regarding "Sub Post Offices".

Details of not filling up of posts of Postal Assistants (PAs)/ Sorting Assistants (SAs) and Postman cadres by Departmental Examination for Ajmer and Jaipur in Rajasthan.

1. Postman Cadre

All the posts of Postman cadre have been filled upto 2017. The Departmental examination for Postman cadre from eligible Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS)/ Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) for the year 2018 and 2019 was held on 29.09.2019.

After this examination was conducted, procedural lapses led to detailed investigation and the same was cancelled. Few candidates of this examination filed an Original Application (OA) 0291/304/2020 Vs Union of India & others in Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Jaipur & Hon'ble CAT, Jaipur passed an order on 17.12.2020 for declaration of the result of this examination. The Department of Posts challenged the CAT orders in Hon'ble High Court through Civil Writ Petition (CWP) 2422/2021. The judgment of the same is awaited.

The above cancelled Departmental Postman examination was again held on 10.01.2021 including the vacancies of the year 2020, however post examination activities are stopped till the final outcome/decision from Hon'ble High Court, Jaipur, Rajasthan.

2. Postal Assistant/Sorting Assistant Cadre

The Departmental examination of Postal Assistant/Sorting Assistant cadre from eligible Gramin Dak Sevaks for the vacancies of the year 2015-16, 2016-17, 2018 and 2019 and from Multi-Tasking Staff/Postman for the vacancy of year 2019 held on 15.09.2019.

After the conducting of examination, complaints were received in Circle Office that malpractices have been adopted by some of the candidates using unfair means in the examination. These complaints were inquired by the Vigilance Officer of the Rajasthan Circle and the same was cancelled. First Information Report (FIR) complaint lodged in CBI Branch, Jaipur by the Department and the case has been registered by CBI Jaipur after preliminary investigation & FIR was lodged on 12.04.2021. Few candidates of this exam filed O.A. 0291/195/2020 Vs Union of India & others in Hon'ble CAT, Jaipur & Hon'ble CAT, Jaipur passed an order on 18.12.2020 for declaration of the result this examination. Department challenged CAT orders in Hon'ble High Court through CWP 1515/2021. The judgment in the matter is awaited.

The above cancelled Departmental Postal Assistant/Sorting Assistant examination was again held on 20.12.2020 including the vacancies of the year 2020 and post examination activities are stopped till the final outcome/decision from Hon'ble High Court, Jaipur, Rajasthan.
