

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2730
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH AUGUST, 2021**

POSTAL SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS

†2730. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) total number of operational post offices across the country including rural areas, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether postal services have been provided in all the villages of the country including Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof including the details of all services being provided by post offices;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the number of such villages where postal services are yet to be provided, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any plan to open post office in all the villages of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Sir, there are 1,56,636 number of post offices functioning across the country including rural areas. The State/ UT-wise details are at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) Yes, Sir. The postal services are provided in all the villages of the country including Uttar Pradesh. The details of postal services provided in all the villages of the country including Uttar Pradesh are at **Annexure-II**.
- (c) Villages without post office are provided with postal services from existing nearby Post Offices and there are no villages without Postal Service coverage.
- (d) & (e) No Sir, there is no plan for opening of post offices in all the villages of the Country, in view of the reply above.

Annexure referred to in reply of para (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2730 to be answered on 4th August, 2021 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Harish Dwivedi, regarding "Postal Services in Rural Areas".

| State/ UT-wise number of Post Offices in the country as on 31.03.2021 | | |
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| S.No. | Name of the State/UT | No. of Post Offices |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 10595 |
| 2 | Assam | 4006 |
| 3 | Bihar | 9109 |
| 4 | Chhattisgarh | 3908 |
| 5 | Delhi | 511 |
| 6 | Gujarat | 8794 |
| 7 | Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu | 52 |
| 8 | Haryana | 2696 |
| 9 | Himachal Pradesh | 2795 |
| 10 | Jammu & Kashmir | 1591 |
| 11 | Ladakh | 109 |
| 12 | Jharkhand | 3779 |
| 13 | Karnataka | 9624 |
| 14 | Kerala | 5053 |
| 15 | Lakshadweep | 10 |
| 16 | Madhya Pradesh | 8278 |
| 17 | Maharashtra | 12744 |
| 18 | Goa | 255 |
| 19 | Arunachal Pradesh | 303 |
| 20 | Manipur | 694 |
| 21 | Meghalaya | 491 |
| 22 | Mizoram | 383 |
| 23 | Nagaland | 330 |
| 24 | Tripura | 711 |
| 25 | Odisha | 8258 |
| 26 | Punjab | 3817 |
| 27 | Chandigarh | 51 |
| 28 | Rajasthan | 10288 |
| 29 | Tamil Nadu | 12044 |
| 30 | Puducherry | 96 |
| 31 | Telangana | 5794 |
| 32 | Uttarakhand | 2722 |
| 33 | Uttar Pradesh | 17666 |
| 34 | West Bengal | 8770 |
| 35 | Andaman & Nicobar | 100 |
| 36 | Sikkim | 209 |
| | Total | 156636 |

Annexure referred to in reply of para (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2730 to be answered on 4th August, 2021 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Harish Dwivedi, regarding "Postal Services in Rural Areas".

AN INDICATIVE LIST OF VARIOUS POSTAL SERVICES AVAILABLE IN POST OFFICES

1. Mail Services

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| a) Speed post b) Money Order (MO) c) Stamps Sale d) Letter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered Letter • Ordinary letter • Insured letter | e) Parcel f) Delivery of all articles |
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2. Banking Services

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| a) National (small) Savings Scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Office Savings Account • One year Time Deposit • Two year Time Deposit • Three year Time Deposit • Five year Time Deposit • Five year Recurring Deposit • Five year Senior Citizen Savings Schemes • Five year monthly income scheme • Five year National Savings Certificate • Public provident fund scheme • Sukanya Samriddhi Account • KisanVikas Patra | b) Jansuraksha scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojna (PMJJBY) • Pradhan Mantri Suraksha BimaYojna(PMSBY) • Atal Pension Yojna(APY) c) India Post Payments Bank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Savings and current accounts • Direct Benefit Transfer payment. • Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) • Digital Life Certificate (Jeevan Pramaan) |
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3. Insurance Services

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| a) Postal Life Insurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole Life Assurance (Suraksha) • Endowment Assurance (Santosh) • Convertible Whole Life Assurance (Suvidha) • Anticipated Endowment Assurance (Sumangal) • Joint Life Assurance (Yugal Suraksha) • Children Policy (Bal Jeevan Bima) | b) Rural Postal Life Insurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole Life Assurance (Gram Suraksha) • Convertible Whole Life Assurance (Gram Suvidha) • Endowment Assurance (Gram Santosh) • 10 Years Rural PLI (Gram Priya) • Anticipated Endowment Assurance (Gram Sumangal) • Children Policy (Bal Jeevan Bima) |
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