

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4321  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**MERGER OF POST OFFICES**

**4321. SHRI JAGADISH CHANDRA BARMA BASUNIA:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of post offices in the country, circle-wise;
- (b) the number of post offices merged or closed down since 2014, year and circle-wise;
- (c) whether the minimum distance norm between two post offices have been followed in all such mergers and closure of post offices; and
- (d) whether any deviation from the minimum distance norms has been permitted in such mergers and if so, the details of all such cases?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

- (a) Total number of post offices in the country, circle-wise is attached as **Annexure-I**.
- (b) Details of number of post offices merged or closed down since 2014, year and circle-wise are attached as **Annexure-II**.
- (c) Yes Sir.
- (d) No Sir.

## Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply of para (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred question No. 4321 to be answered on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 regarding “Merger of Post Offices”

Number of Post Offices in the Country		
Sl. No.	Circle Name	Number of Post Offices
1	Andhra Pradesh	10,670
2	Assam	4,064
3	Bihar	9,361
4	Chhattisgarh	4,469
5	Delhi	514
6	Gujarat	8,889
7	Haryana	2,703
8	Himachal Pradesh	2,805
9	Jammu & Kashmir	1,737
10	Jharkhand	4,587
11	Karnataka	9,661
12	Kerala	5,062
13	Madhya Pradesh	10,275
14	Maharashtra	14,037
15	North East	4,482
16	Odisha	8,912
17	Punjab	3,838
18	Rajasthan	11,042
19	Tamil Nadu	11,829
20	Telangana	6,270
21	Uttar Pradesh	17,957
22	Uttarakhand	2,737
23	West Bengal	9,098
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,64,999</b>

## Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in reply of para (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred question No. 4321 to be answered on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 regarding “Merger of Post Offices”

S. No.	Name of Circles	Financial Year												Total
		2014 - 15	2015 -16	2016 -17	2017- 18	2018 -19	2019 -20	2020 -21	2021 -22	2022 -23	2023 -24	2024 -25	2025 till date	
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	1	2	7	47	6	7	3	0	1	50	124
2	Assam	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	14	19
3	Bihar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	12
4	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
5	Delhi	0	0	0	2	2	12	4	2	3	0	0	0	25
6	Gujarat	0	4	1	36	51	44	20	12	5	2	0	14	189
7	Haryana	2	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	3	2	1	10	25
8	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
9	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
11	Karnataka	12	9	4	13	19	13	10	8	4	1	1	32	126
12	Kerala	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	2	4	3	3	70	87
13	Madhya Pradesh	0	36	8	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	58
14	Maharashtra	0	1	3	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	28	43
15	North East	0	3	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	7	13	29
16	Odisha	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	9
17	Punjab	4	0	1	0	2	0	2	11	25	4	2	2	53
18	Rajasthan	1	10	5	8	0	2	20	1	2	0	10	12	71
19	Tamil Nadu	6	12	3	5	1	7	5	9	11	17	26	90	192
20	Telangana	1	4	5	1	3	11	5	1	2	0	37	10	80
21	Uttarakhand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
22	Uttar Pradesh	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	12	6	0	39	63
23	West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	56	62
	<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>1,280</b>

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