GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF POSTS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1611 TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th DECEMBER, 2015

KISAN VIKAS PATRA

†1611. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of "Kisan Vikas Patra" holders in the country as on date in rural and urban areas, State-wise;
- (b) whether any awareness programme has been launched by the Government for promotion of "Kisan Vikas Patra" particularly in rural areas; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) Department of Posts maintains Postal Circle wise information of Kisan Vikas Patras (KVPs) sold in the country. Details of KVPs sold from 18.11.2014 i.e. re-launch of KVPs till 15.11.2015 (Postal Circle wise) may be seen at **Annexure-I.**
- (b) Yes Madam.
- (c) The following steps have been taken at all levels:
 - Wide publicity through print and electronic media, newspapers, radio jingles and TV advertisement by National Savings Institute (NSI) and by the Department of Posts.
 - Organizing Seminars/Melas/Road Shows.
 - Targeting the un-banked people who are excluded from financial inclusion.
 - Fixing targets for each Post Office right from the level of Sub Post Office to Head Post office for Sale of KVPs.

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Annexure-I

	Total number of KVP certificates sold from
Circle	18.11.2014 * to 15.11.2015
Andhra Pradesh	455167
Assam	223192
Bihar	1238130
Chattisgarh	158599
Delhi	579879
Gujarat	1692698
Haryana	325484
Himachal Pradesh	238308
Jammu & Kashmir	345476
Jharkhand	564429
Karnataka	462663
Kerala	70221
Madhya Pradesh	528207
Maharashtra	1134993
North East	110075
Odisha	783726
Punjab	991183
Rajasthan	271244
Tamilnadu	317366
Uttar Pradesh	2974624
Uttarakhand	364051
West Bengal	2160126
Total	15989841

 $^{^{\}ast}$ KVP was discontinued from 01.12.2011 and re-launched from 18.11.2014
