

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2773
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16th DECEMBER, 2015
POSTAL EMPLOYEES**

†2773. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

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

- (a) the number of employees working in the post offices across the country;
- (b) whether there is shortage of postmen and post masters in the department;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the employees of post offices are given any training before appointment and assigning specific tasks; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the action taken in this regard?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The number of employees working in the post offices across the country is 189719.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) There is shortage of 11058 postmen and 2335 postmasters. All cadres in the Department have fixed sanctioned strength and whenever any posts in any of the cadres fall vacant due to promotion, retirement, death, deputation or leave, duties of such posts are managed by redistribution and combination of duties in post offices for ensuring smooth delivery of postal services till the time these posts are filled up on regular basis in the Circle concerned. Filling up of such vacancies is an on-going process in the Department as per the provisions contained in the Recruitment Rules of each cadre.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) The details of Induction training for various cadres are given below:

1	Indian Postal Service (IPoS) Group A	2 years
2	'Postal Service (PS) Group 'B	4 weeks
3	Inspector Posts (Direct Recruit)	16 weeks
4	Inspector Posts (Departmental)	14 weeks
5	Postmaster Grade-I	3 weeks
6	Postal Assistant Circle Office/Regional Office	5 weeks
7	Postal Assistant/Sorting Assistant (Direct Recruit)	9 weeks
8	Postal Assistant/Sorting Assistant (Lower Grade Officials)	9 weeks
9	Postman/Mail Guard/Mail Overseer	2 weeks
10	Multi Tasking Staff	1 week

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Sl.No.	Name of Circle	Total number of employees working in post offices	Number of vacant post of postmen	Number of vacant post of postmasters
1	A.P	18922	846	602
2	Assam	2886	30	06
3	Bihar	8791	127	124
4	Chhattisgarh	1591	124	13
5	Delhi	4853	1041	84
6	Gujarat	10915	1442	266
7	Haryana	4165	96	27
8	H.P	8500	91	45
9	J&K	1124	161	08*
10	Jharkhand	2070	189	02
11	Karnataka	10788	454	64
12	Kerala	6209	439	202
13	M.P.	6669	663	73
14	Maharashtra	20159	1680	106
15	N.E	1628	198	23
16	Odisha	19068	178	130
17	Punjab	5552	287	41
18	Rajasthan	6734	189	86
19	Tamilnadu	16319	1054	230
20	U.P	18138	1134	61
21	Uttrakhand	1971	205	17
22	W.B	12667	430	125
	TOTAL	189719	11058	2335

* Confirmed on phone.
