

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.548
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND DECEMBER, 2015
RENOVATION OF POST OFFICES**

**548. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:
SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposals to introduce any special scheme for the renovation of post offices lying in dilapidated condition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether a large number of post office buildings lack basic amenities like drinking water, power and toilets;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard during the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the details of funds allocated and their utilisation during the said period for construction of new post offices and renovation of the old ones?

ANSWER

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

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) In view of the above, question does not arise.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) In view of the above, question does not arise.
- (e) Construction of new post offices is carried out as Plan activity under XII Five Year Plan. The regular maintenance of post office buildings are carried out as a Non Plan activity under Building Maintenance, as and when required, within allocated resources. In addition to this, Plan activities under Project Arrow Scheme are being implemented as a quality improvement programme for 'Upkeep' and enhancement of 'Look and Feel' of Post Offices. The details of funds allocated and their utilisation for above activities during the last three years and the current year are at **Annexure** to the reply.

FUNDS ALLOCATED AND THEIR UTILISATION

(A) FOR PLAN ACTIVITY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF POST OFFICES

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Funds allotted	Funds utilized
2012-13	22.77	8.50
2013-14	15.7	9.62
2014-15	45.75	32.43
2015-16 (till October, 2015)	24.82	6.22

(B) FOR NON PLAN ACTIVITY FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE OF POST OFFICES

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Funds allotted	Funds utilized
2012-13	82.60	77.22
2013-14	78.95	72.63
2014-15	69.92	74.13
2015-16 (till October, 2015)	72.87	22.67

(C) FOR PLAN ACTIVITY FOR 'UPKEEP' AND 'LOOK AND FEEL' OF THE POST OFFICES UNDER 'PROJECT ARROW'

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Funds allotted		Funds utilized	
	Look and Feel	Upkeep	Look and Feel	Upkeep
2012-13	74.00	2	70.03	0
2013-14	7.49	10	7.14	8.48
2014-15	39.01	5	36.48	4.69
2015-16 (till October, 2015)	32.62	2	8.18	0.20
