

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1127
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd MARCH, 2016**

POSTAL DISTRIBUTION ZONE

†1127. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:

SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

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

- (a) the total postal distribution zones in the country including Maharashtra, Statewise;
- (b) the number of colonies under each such postal distribution zone separately, State-wise;
- (c) the number of postmen posted in each postal distribution zone, State-wise;
- (d) whether the number of postmen has decreased in comparison to the zones and population in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the number of postmen posted in the country, State-wise including Delhi during the last three years and the current year?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Department of Posts does not have any postal distribution zone in the country. Delivery of mail is done through delivery post offices. The total number of delivery post offices in the country state-wise, including Maharashtra is at **Annexure [column (a)]**.
- (b) The information on number of colonies under each delivery post office is not maintained in the Department.
- (c) The information on number of postmen in each delivery post office, state-wise is at **Annexure [column (b)]**.
- (d) No, Madam. The number of postmen in each delivery post office is subject to the increase/decrease in the workload, which is assessed as per the departmental norms and not on the basis of population. Further, the delivery jurisdiction of post offices is reviewed from time to time and re-distribution of areas or establishment of new delivery post offices is done. Redeployment of postmen or creation of new posts of postmen, when justified is also done.

With the increasing number of parcels, largely driven by e-commerce, the department is now setting up nodal, mechanised delivery centres for delivering of parcels in major cities of the country. The delivery jurisdiction of multiple post offices is subsumed under the nodal delivery system and parcels are delivered through vehicles to cover the increased area.

- (e) The details of the postmen posted during the last three years and the current year (state-wise) is at **Annexure [column (b)]**.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b), (c) and (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1127 FOR ANSWER ON 02.03.2016 ON POSTAL DISTRIBUTION ZONES.

Details of Number of Delivery Post Offices in the Country (State-wise)

Sl. No.	Name of State	(a)	(b)			
		Number of Delivery Post Offices	Total number of Postmen deployed			
			2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1223	1968	2004	2041	2084
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	48	41	41	41	41
3.	Assam	570	818	781	773	770
4.	Bihar	1020	1943	1744	1743	1719
5.	Chhattisgarh	264	488	428	431	433
6.	Delhi	95	1867	1690	1548	1448
7.	Goa	88	173	165	161	161
8.	Gujarat	1021	3814	3584	3370	3122
9.	Haryana	305	659	667	622	622
10.	Himachal Pradesh	435	435	442	469	469
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	215	208	189	185	165
12.	Jharkhand	377	811	811	811	811
13.	Karnataka	1329	3367	3341	3454	3454
14.	Kerala	1410	2153	2243	2119	2119
15.	Madhya Pradesh	761	1556	1513	1466	1386
16.	Maharashtra	1592	7951	7625	7385	7122
17.	Manipur	51	61	61	61	61
18.	Meghalaya	62	133	120	101	89
19.	Mizoram	39	46	45	47	47
20.	Nagaland	39	56	50	50	54
21.	Odisha	695	746	837	871	871
22.	Punjab	537	1615	1563	1599	1608
23.	Rajasthan	962	1579	1572	1784	1784
24.	Sikkim	19	14	14	15	15
25.	Tamil Nadu	2052	5013	5129	4866	4838
26.	Telangana	663	1199	1213	1190	1225
27.	Tripura	78	136	140	138	138
28.	Uttar Pradesh	1620	4332	4210	4032	3991
29.	Uttarakhand	293	579	587	565	560
30.	West Bengal	1190	3968	3813	3681	3681
