

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2016
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH MARCH, 2016**

CLOSING OF POST OFFICES

2016. SHRI P.K. BIJU:
SHRI INNOCENT:

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

- (a) the Statewise number of post offices in the country;
- (b) whether some post offices have been closed down permanently; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, State wise along with the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) State-wise number of Post Offices functional in the country (as on 31.03.2015) is at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) Yes, Madam.
- (c) Postal Circle-wise number of Post Offices closed down during the last three years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and the current year 2015-16 (upto 29.02.2016) is at **Annexure-II**. Some Post Offices were closed down as a result of merger, relocation and upgradation of Branch Post Offices into Departmental Sub-Post Offices with a view to rationalize the existing postal network for optimal utilization of post offices in the changing demography and urbanization process in the country.

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ANNEXURE-I**State-wise/Postal Circle-wise Number of Post Offices functional
in the country (as on 31.03.2015)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Postal Circles	Total No. of Post Offices
1	Andhra Pradesh	10375
1.1	Telangana	5780
2	Assam	4012
3	Bihar	9067
4	Chhattisgarh	3147
5	Delhi	551
6	Gujarat	8926
6.1	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	38
6.2	Daman & Diu	19
7	Haryana	2677
8	Himachal Pradesh	2782
9	Jammu & Kashmir	1699
10	Jharkhand	3099
11	Karnataka	9667
12	Kerala	5054
12.1	Lakshadweep	10
12.2	Mahe	4
13	Madhya Pradesh	8323
14	Maharashtra	12601
14.1	Goa	258
15	North East [States include Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura]	2920
16	Odisha	8169
17	Punjab	3807
17.1	Chandigarh	49
18	Rajasthan	10329
19	Tamil Nadu	12034
19.1	Pondicherry	96
20	Uttarakhand	2723
21	Uttar Pradesh	17655
22	West Bengal	8759
22.1	A & N Islands	100
22.2	Sikkim	209
	Total	154939

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ANNEXURE-II

Postal Circle-wise number of Post Offices closed during 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16 (upto 29.02.2016)

Sl. No.	Name of the Circles	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 [upto 29.02.2016]
1	Andhra Pradesh including Telangana State	0	0	0	0
2	Assam	0	2	2	0
3	Bihar	0	0	0	0
4	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	0
5	Delhi	0	0	0	0
6	Gujarat	1	1	2	0
7	Haryana	4	4	0	0
8	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0
9	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0	0
10	Jharkhand	0	0	4	4
11	Karnataka	16	0	23	10
12	Kerala	10	2	0	0
13	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	0
14	Maharashtra	0	0	0	0
15	North East	3	4	0	0
16	Odisha	0	2	5	9
17	Punjab	0	0	3	2
18	Rajasthan	0	0	0	0
19	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0
20	Uttar Pradesh	1	8	0	0
21	Uttarakhand	0	0	0	0
22	West Bengal	0	0	0	0
	Total	35	23	39	25
