

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 962  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH, 2016**

**SPEED POST CENTRES**

†962. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

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

- (a) the total number of speed post centres functioning in the country, Statewise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up more speed post centres during the current financial year in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra;
- (d) whether all the speed post centres are both receiving and delivering centres;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Department of Posts, under a new operational arrangement in October, 2010, has changed the nomenclature of Speed Post Centres into National Sorting Hubs and Intra Circle Hubs. As on date there are 94 National Sorting Hubs (NSH) and 145 Intra Circle Hubs (ICH), functioning in the country. The state-wise details are **annexed**.

(b) Setting up of new sorting hubs is an on-going process based on operational requirements of the Department. However, at present there is no proposal to set up any more NSH or ICH.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) to (f) No, Madam. Speed Post articles are booked in designated post offices and booking centres, which are then consigned to the concerned sorting hubs, to which they are linked. These articles are received for sorting and despatched to other sorting hubs and / or delivery post offices for further processing or delivery respectively. Thus the role of each office at every stage of the value chain has been clearly defined to ensure efficient and speedy handling and delivery of Speed Post articles.

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**Details of National Sorting Hub and Intra Circle Hub**

| <b>Name of State</b>       | <b>National Sorting Hub</b> | <b>Intra Circle Hub</b> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Andhra Pradesh</b>      | 6                           | 12                      |
| <b>Assam</b>               | 2                           | 5                       |
| <b>Bihar</b>               | 4                           | 3                       |
| <b>Chhattisgarh</b>        | 1                           | 4                       |
| <b>Delhi</b>               | 1                           | -                       |
| <b>Gujarat</b>             | 4                           | 13                      |
| <b>Haryana</b>             | 4                           | 3                       |
| <b>Himachal Pradesh</b>    | 2                           | 4                       |
| <b>J&amp;K</b>             | 2                           | -                       |
| <b>Jharkhand</b>           | 3                           | 3                       |
| <b>Karnataka</b>           | 7                           | 6                       |
| <b>Kerala</b>              | 6                           | 2                       |
| <b>Madhya Pradesh</b>      | 4                           | 9                       |
| <b>Maharashtra</b>         | 5                           | 17                      |
| <b>Manipur</b>             | 1                           | -                       |
| <b>Tripura</b>             | 1                           | -                       |
| <b>Mizoram</b>             | 1                           | -                       |
| <b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>   | 1                           | -                       |
| <b>Nagaland</b>            | 1                           | -                       |
| <b>Meghalaya</b>           | 1                           | -                       |
| <b>Orissa</b>              | 3                           | 7                       |
| <b>Punjab</b>              | 5                           | 3                       |
| <b>Rajasthan</b>           | 3                           | 10                      |
| <b>Tamil Nadu</b>          | 8                           | 11                      |
| <b>Uttar Pradesh</b>       | 10                          | 18                      |
| <b>Uttarakhand</b>         | 1                           | 6                       |
| <b>West Bengal</b>         | 5                           | 9                       |
| <b>Army Postal Service</b> | 2                           | -                       |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>94</b>                   | <b>145</b>              |

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