

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.58
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2016**

DIGITISATION OF POST OFFICES

†*58. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of linking of post offices with internet facilities;
- (b) whether the Government has fixed any target for linking of post offices through internet across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the number of post offices linked, separately, in urban and rural areas, State-wise; and
- (d) the funds allocated and spent for the purpose, State-wise?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 58 FOR 20th JULY, 2016 REGARDING “DIGITISATION OF POST OFFICES”.

- (a) 24,405 departmental post offices out of total of 25,297 have been linked with internet facilities.
- (b) Yes Madam. The Department has achieved its target of linking all post offices where connectivity is technically feasible.
- (c) Number of offices linked State-wise including Delhi is as follows:

SI No.	Name of the Circle/State	No. of Locations with internet connectivity	
		Urban	Rural
1	Andhra Pradesh	640	945
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2	0
3	Assam	230	392
4	Bihar	429	603
5	Chhattisgarh	243	73
6	Delhi	386	4
7	Goa	46	56
8	Gujarat	687	649
9	Haryana	317	171
10	Himachal Pradesh	112	337
11	Jammu & Kashmir	162	80
12	Jharkhand	220	198
13	Karnataka	870	815
14	Kerala	513	939
15	Madhya Pradesh	706	320
16	Maharashtra	1104	990
17	Manipur	20	5
18	Meghalaya	25	16
19	Mizoram	15	11
20	Nagaland	8	2
21	Odisha	540	631
22	Punjab	433	330
23	Rajasthan	615	715
24	Sikkim	10	7
25	Tamilnadu	1256	1319
26	Telangana	420	428
27	Tripura	45	10
28	Uttar Pradesh	1622	896
29	Uttarakhand	200	192
30	West Bengal	876	519
	Total	12752	11653

- (d) There is no state wise allocation of funds as connectivity provided to Post Offices is centrally monitored and payments to the Service Providers are released based on agreed service levels and applying relevant penal clauses. An amount of Rs 951.57 Crore has been allotted for the linking of post offices, out of which Rs 241.78 Crore has been spent till 30th June 2016.
