

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1729
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH JULY, 2016**

PREMIUM POSTAL SERVICES

1729. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several Government Departments, public authorities and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) use private courier-service rather than postal services;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for all bodies under Central and State Governments to use postal services as premium postal services like Speed Post are not available at most post offices and destinations at very economical rates;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to coordinate with Department of Public Enterprises and with Government and Semi-Government corporations to use Registered Post services for destinations not covered by premium Speed Post service;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to come out with special privileges like a sponsored stamp with minimum purchase quantities to support India Posts and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Department of Posts offers its services to all customers including Government Departments, public authorities and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs). The delivery facility of Speed Post is available across the country. The network of Speed Post booking facility is provided taking into account the customer needs, business potential and availability of internet connectivity etc. There is no proposal to make it mandatory for all bodies under Central and State Governments to use postal services.

(c) & (d) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above

(e) The Department has introduced a product called "Customized My Stamp" wherein corporate organizations and institutions can get customized My Stamps sheets printed by the Department of Post. Alongside themed stamps, the organization may opt for printing of their logo, images of their organization/institute or the photograph(s) of their employee(s). An Institute/Organization is required to get at least 5000 sheets printed. More can be ordered in multiples of 5000. Total amount payable for 5000 My Stamp Sheets is Rs. 12,00, 000/- after allowing 20% discount.
