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For realizing old outstanding dues, BSNL has issued instructions for utilizing the services of Police/Revenue and other Departments of the State Govt, on commission basis up to 1.5% of the recovered amount per case.

Modernisation of Post Offices

1658. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the post offices that were modernized during the last five years, State-wise;

(b) the details of the funds allocated for modernization of post offices during the current year;

(c) whether any target has been set by Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) The details of the post offices that were modernized during the last five years, State-wise is attached as per the Statement. (*See below*)

(b) An outlay of Rs. 1.5 crores has been allocated during the current year (2002-2003) for improving the Ergonomics of post offices as a part of modernization.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. 100 Post Offices across the country have been identified under current Annual Plan (2002-2003).

Statement

State-wise details of modernisation of Post Offices during last five years

SI. No. Circle		Total
1	2	3
1.	Assam	55
2.	A.P.	50

1	2	3
3.	Bihar	50
4.	Chhattisgarh	14
5.	Delhi	37
6.	Gujarat	55
7.	Haryana	24
8.	HP.	25
9.	J&K	34
10.	Jharkhand	6
11.	Karnataka	28
12.	Kerala	30
13.	M.P.	50
14.	Maharashtra	50
15.	N.E.	29
16.	Orissa	35
17.	Punjab	71
18.	Rajasthan	30
19.	Tamil Nadu	67
20.	U.R.	121
21.	Uttaranchal	4
22.	West Bengal	35
Total		900

Revamping and restructuring FCI

1659. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to revamp and restructure FCI;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to plug loopholes and contain leakages in transportation and storage of foodgrains; and

(d) the other steps taken to weed out corruption and make FCI economically viable and self-supporting?