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37.	Pallahara SO	59	Rourkela-1 ISO
38.	Dhenakanal HO	60	Nalco Nagar SO
39.	Rairakhol SO	61	Berhampur HO
40	Aska HO	62	Nawapara Tanwat SO
41	Bhawanipatna HO	63	Jeypore HO
42	Koraput HO	64	Rayagada HO
43	Balasore HO	65	Boudhraj SO
44	Cuttack GPO	66	Jaleswar HO
45	Kendrapara HO	67	Aul SO
46	Rairangpur HO	68	Pattamundai SO
47	Keonjhar SO	69	Jagatsinghpur HO
48	Bhubaneswar (old town) SO	70	Khurda HO
49	Paradeep SO	71	Nayagarh HO
50	Deogarh SO	72	Angul HO
51	Barbil SO	73	Sundargarh HO
52	Burla SO	74	Athagarh HO
53	Jatni SO	75	Jajpur HO
54	Salipur SO	76	Bhanjanagar HO
55	Bhoinagar SO	77	Chatarpur HO
56	Telenga Bazar SO	78	Uditnagar HO
57	Utkal University SO	79	Bargarh HO
58	Rourkela-5 SO		

HO–Head office

SO–Sub office

MDG–Mukhya Dak Ghar

Post offices in rural and urban areas

2697. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices operating in rural and urban areas of Orissa, Jharkhand and West Bengal;

(b) in what manner this number compare with other two newly created States, namely, Uttarakhand and Chhattisgarh; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the density of post offices in Orissa and Jharkhand per thousand population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) The details of number of Post Offices in rural and urban areas of Orissa, Jharkhand and West Bengal *vis-a-vis* Uttarakhand and Chhattisgarh (as on 31.03.2010) are given below:—

Sl.	Name of the No.	No. of Post Offices State/Circle	No. of Post Offices (Urban) (Rural)
1.	Orissa	563	7598
2.	Jharkhand	262	2832
3.	West Bengal	1109	7639
4.	Uttarakhand	208	2507
5.	Chhattisgarh	225	2898

(b) and (c) Opening of Post Offices in new locations is an ongoing exercise. Post Offices are opened as per the existing guidelines and subject to availability of Plan target. For increasing access to postal facilities, following targets have been issued to Orissa and Jharkhand Circles for opening of Post Offices, during the current year (2010-11).

Sl.	Name of the No.	Sub Post Offices Branch State/Circle	Post Offices
1.	Orissa	05	10
2.	Jharkhand	03	10

Reduction of staff in MTNL

2698. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MTNL is planning to reduce its staff-strength by two third;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that users of MTNL are decreasing day-by-day; and

(d) if so, the steps Government is taking in this regard?