

(a) whether it is a fact that BSNL has offered to surrender its broadband wireless airwaves back to Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for the surrender?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) to (c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has offered to surrender Broadband Wireless Airwaves (BWA) spectrum allotted to it in all the License Areas except areas of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Haryana based on its techno-commercial considerations.

Conversion of post offices into banks

†1919. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any policy to convert post offices into banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to provide Internet and other facilities to public at post-offices;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) and (b) The Department of Posts has a proposal to look into the feasibility of setting up a Post Bank to provide full fledged banking facilities to the rural as well as urban masses in the country, which is still at a conceptual stage.

(c) to (e) 12,202 Department Post Offices have been provided with internet connectivity. The State-wise break-up of Departmental Post Offices having internet connectivity is given in Statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

*The State-wise break-up of Departmental Post Offices
having internet connectivity*

Sl. No.	Name of States	Post Offices having Internet connectivity
1	Andhra Pradesh	824
2	Assam	525
3	Bihar	291
4	Chhattisgarh	142
5	Delhi	245
6	Gujarat including Daman and Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli	872
7	Haryana	278
8	Himachal Pradesh	256
9	Jammu and Kashmir	79
10	Jharkhand	181
11	Karnataka	840
12	Kerala including Lakshadweep	1070
13	Madhya Pradesh	181
14	Maharashtra including Goa	1342
15	North East (Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh)	181
16	Orissa	450
17	Punjab	431
18	Rajasthan	329
19	Tamil Nadu including Puducherry	1448
20	Uttar Pradesh	1023
21	Uttarakhand	182
22	West Bengal including Andaman and Nicobar	732
TOTAL :		12202