

**Computer facilities in post offices**

†\*209. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether post offices have been opened in all villages of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, especially that of Madhya Pradesh and the number of post offices likely to be opened during the current financial year, State-wise;
- (c) whether all post offices of the country, including those of Madhya Pradesh, have been equipped with e-mail, internet and computer facilities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the time by when all post offices are likely to be equipped with above-mentioned facilities; and
- (f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. All the villages in the country do not have Post Offices, as these are opened on norm based justification and availability of resources. Circle-wise number of villages with Post Offices (as on 31.3.2012) including Madhya Pradesh is given the Statement-I (*See below*). It is proposed to open 80 Branch Post Offices (BOs) and 50 Sub-Post Offices (SOs) in the entire country, subject to availability of resources and justification of norms in current financial year (2012-13). The Circle-wise details are given in Statement-II (*See below*).

(c) to (f) No, Sir. 24,969 departmental Post Offices including 1069 Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh, have been computerized, out of which 23,552 have been equipped with internet and e-mail facilities. Circle-wise number of Post Office computerized and Post Offices equipped with internet & e-mail facilities (as on date) is given in the Statement-III (*See below*). The Department has a plan to provide these services through all Post Offices in phased manner and it is expected to be completed during the current Five Year Plan.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

**Statement-I**

*Circle-wise number of Villages with Post Offices in the country (as on 31.3.2012)*

| Sl.No. | Name of the Circles | Number of Villages with Post Offices |
|--------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1      | 2                   | 3                                    |
| 1      | Andhra Pradesh      | 10889                                |
| 2      | Assam               | 4907                                 |
| 3      | Bihar               | 8944                                 |
| 4      | Chhattisgarh        | 2909                                 |
| 5      | Delhi               | 83                                   |
| 6      | Gujarat             | 8092                                 |
| 7      | Haryana             | 2323                                 |
| 8      | Himachal Pradesh    | 2662                                 |
| 9      | Jammu and Kashmir   | 1519                                 |
| 10     | Jharkhand           | 2828                                 |
| 11     | Karnataka           | 8499                                 |
| 12     | Kerala              | 1644                                 |
| 13     | Madhya Pradesh      | 7402                                 |
| 14     | Maharashtra         | 11917                                |
| 15     | North East          | 2667                                 |
| 16     | Odisha              | 7595                                 |
| 17     | Punjab              | 3403                                 |
| 18     | Rajasthan           | 9653                                 |
| 19     | Tamil Nadu          | 11319                                |

| 1       | 2             | 3      |
|---------|---------------|--------|
| 20      | Uttar Pradesh | 15608  |
| 21      | Uttarakhand   | 2513   |
| 22      | West Bengal   | 7923   |
| TOTAL : |               | 135299 |

***Statement-II***

*Circle-wise number of Branch Post Offices(BOs) and Sub-Post Offices(SOs) proposed to be opened during the current financial year 2012-13*

| Sl. No. | Circles           | No. of BOs proposed to be opened during 2012-13 | No. of SOs proposed to be opened during 2012-13 |
|---------|-------------------|---|---|
| 1       | 2                 | 3   | 4   |
| 1       | Andhra Pradesh    | 5   | 3   |
| 2       | Assam             | 4   | 2   |
| 3       | Bihar             | 3   | 1   |
| 4       | Chhattisgarh      | 4   | 2   |
| 5       | Delhi             | 0   | 4   |
| 6       | Gujarat           | 4   | 3   |
| 7       | Haryana           | 4   | 4   |
| 8       | Himachal Pradesh  | 3   | 1   |
| 9       | Jammu and Kashmir | 1   | 1   |
| 10      | Jharkhand         | 4   | 1   |
| 11      | Karnataka         | 4   | 3   |
| 12      | Kerala            | 3   | 2   |
| 13      | Madhya Pradesh    | 4   | 2   |

| 1       | 2             | 3  | 4  |
|---------|---------------|----|----|
| 14      | Maharashtra   | 5  | 4  |
| 15      | North East    | 6  | 3  |
| 16      | Odisha        | 4  | 2  |
| 17      | Punjab        | 4  | 1  |
| 18      | Rajasthan     | 4  | 2  |
| 19      | Tamil Nadu    | 4  | 3  |
| 20      | Uttar Pradesh | 4  | 4  |
| 21      | Uttarakhand   | 3  | 1  |
| 22      | West Bengal   | 3  | 1  |
| TOTAL : |               | 80 | 50 |

**Statement-III**

*Circle-wise number of Post Offices computerized and Post Offices equipped with internet & e-mail facilities (as on date)*

| Sl. No. | Circles        | No. of Computerized Post Offices | No. of Post Offices equipped with internet & e-mail facilities |
|---------|----------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 1       | 2              | 3                                | 4  |
| 1       | Andhra Pradesh | 2344                             | 2287   |
| 2       | Assam          | 632                              | 582  |
| 3       | Bihar          | 997                              | 993  |
| 4       | Chhattisgarh   | 340                              | 323  |
| 5       | Delhi          | 390                              | 353  |
| 6       | Gujarat        | 1327                             | 1323   |
| 7       | Haryana        | 489                              | 458  |

| 1       | 2                 | 3      | 4      |
|---------|-------------------|--------|--------|
| 8       | Himachal Pradesh  | 462    | 438    |
| 9       | Jammu and Kashmir | 252    | 235    |
| 10      | Jharkhand         | 443    | 314    |
| 11      | Karnataka         | 1683   | 1683   |
| 12      | Kerala            | 1508   | 1499   |
| 13      | Madhya Pradesh    | 1069   | 1055   |
| 14      | Maharashtra       | 2215   | 2109   |
| 15      | North East        | 378    | 201    |
| 16      | Odisha            | 1192   | 1063   |
| 17      | Punjab            | 770    | 751    |
| 18      | Rajasthan         | 1320   | 1313   |
| 19      | Tamil Nadu        | 2548   | 2516   |
| 20      | Uttarakhand       | 383    | 330    |
| 21      | Uttar Pradesh     | 2513   | -2513  |
| 22      | West Bengal       | 1714   | 1213   |
| TOTAL : |                   | 24,969 | 23,552 |

**Gauge conversion work**

\*210. SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey for gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Mehsana, Rajkot-Okha and Rajkot-Surendranagar railway lines has been taken up by Railways; and

(b) if so, by when the gauge conversion work of aforesaid railway lines is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Gauge conversion of Rajkot-Okha and Rajkot-Surendranagar sections have already