

Vacancies in post offices in Tamil Nadu

422. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of around 7,000 personnel in the post offices spread across Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the same especially when Government is proposing to bring various services like ATM, Train Ticket Reservation, etc., in post offices;
- (c) whether Government will be able to extend plethora of services with existing vacancies; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to fill up the vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) No Sir.

(b) Vacancies are caused due to promotion, resignation, death, retirement etc., for which action to fill up vacancies is taken on priority. With the available man power, the services are provided to members of the public by the post offices in Tamil Nadu.

(c) and (d) Yes. Filling up of such vacancies is an on going process. The vacancies are already in the process of being filled and in the meantime services are being managed by re-distribution and combination of duties among the available personnel in post offices.

Regulations for mobile number portability

423. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Telecom Commission has given approval to full Mobile Number Portability, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) how the new regulations are different from old regulations regarding Mobile Number Portability; and
- (c) whether this measure is a step towards 'one nation one number', if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) The Telecom Commission has on 13.06.2014 given approval to the proposal for accepting the recommendations of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for implementing full Mobile Number Portability. The