

Strengthening of communication system

†379. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is determined to strengthen the communication system;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the schemes formulated by Government in order to improve the communication system and IT sector in Bihar till date, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Unclaimed money in various savings schemes of post office

380. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an enormous amount of unclaimed money is lying with post offices under various saving schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by Government to return such money under various schemes to their depositors; and

(d) whether complaints have been received regarding embezzlement of such unclaimed money by post office officials, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Scheme-wise figures for the year 2014-15 are given in the Statement (*See below*). The main reasons for unclaimed amount are non withdrawal/encashment of money by the depositors/investors after maturity of investment in small savings schemes which were discontinued long back.

(c) Efforts are made to make people aware about their unclaimed savings lying in post offices.

(d) No, Sir.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.