

Digitally connecting rural Post Offices

2296. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set the target of digitally connecting rural Post Offices across the country by March, 2017;
- (b) if so, the details of the rural Post Offices digitally connected so far in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Posts has decided to digitally connect all the rural Post Offices through the Rural Information and Communication Technology (RICT) segment under the IT Modernization Project of Department of Posts, which is under implementation phase. The Department has planned to digitally connect 1,29,323 Gramin Dak Sewak Post Offices in rural areas across the country by March, 2017.

(b) So far, no rural Gramin Dak Sewak Post Office has been digitally connected. The User Acceptance Test for the software solution of RICT is going on in Alwar District of Rajasthan. Once it is stabilized it will be implemented across the country including Uttar Pradesh.

(c) The Project is in implementation phase. The roll out will start after successful completion of User Acceptance Test of software solution.

Shifting of Post Office in Manipur

2297. SHRI RONALD SAPATLAU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sanctioned Post Offices along with staff strength in Churachandpur district of Manipur, the location-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry is aware that Post Office of Thanlon village in Churachandpur district has been shifted to Bishnupur district in Manipur, bringing thereby a lot of hardship to the Zomi tribal inhabitants of Thanlon and its surrounding villages;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the local MLA has written a letter to the competent authority in this regard to rectify the matter and to strengthen postal service in the district?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) The requisite information is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) and (c) The Post Office at Thanlon village in Churachandpur district has not been shifted and it is functioning normally. Based on annual review of establishment of Thanlon SO, it has been downgraded from Sub Post Office (SO) to Branch Post Office (BO). However, basic postal services are being provided to the villages by Thanlon BO and other BOs in that area.

(d) Yes, Madam. A letter from Shri Vungzagin Valte, the Hon'ble MLA, was received in this regard and a reply has already been given to him, stating that conversion of Sub Post Office to Branch Post Office does not compromise quality of service.

List of abbreviations used

1.	SO	-	Sub Post Office
2.	BO	-	Branch Post Office
3.	MDG	-	Mukhya Dak Ghar
4.	EDBO	-	Extra Departmental Branch Post Office

Statement

Details of number of Post Offices and staff strength in Churachandpur district-location-wise

Sl. No.	Name of Departmental Post Office	Staff Strength
A. Departmental Post Offices in Churachandpur District:-		
1.	Churachandpur MDG	8
2.	Chienkongpang SO	3
3.	New Lamka SO	4
4.	Saikot SO	4
5.	Singngat SO	3
6.	Loktak Project SO	3
B. Branch Post Offices in Churachandpur District		
1.	Thanlon EDBO	2
2.	Aina EDBO	2
3.	Chehjang EDBO	2
4.	Chothemunpi EDBO	3

Sl. No.	Name of Departmental Post Office	Staff Strength
5.	Henglep EDBO	3
6.	Kamkeilon EDBO	2
7.	Kangvai Bazar EDBO	2
8.	Khanpi EDBO	3
9.	Kolhen EDBO	3
10.	Kumbipukhri EDBO	2
11.	Lailong EDBO	2
12.	Lungsung EDBO	2
13.	Lungsai EDBO	3
14.	Munpi EDBO	2
15.	Pheipheng EDBO	2
16.	Saidan EDBO	3
17.	Saikhul Village EDBO	2
18.	Santing EDBO	2
19.	Sielmet EDBO	1
20.	Sangphou EDBO	3
21.	South Kotlein EDBO	2
22.	Teiyong EDBO	2
23.	Thangsi EDBO	3
24.	Thinkew EDBO	2
25.	Tolphei EDBO	2
26.	Tollen EDBO	3
27.	Tulaphei EDBO	2
28.	Ukha EDBO	3
29.	Tuinam EDBO	2
30.	Zenhang Lamka EDBO	2
31.	M. Songgel EDBO	2
32.	Bungmual EDBO	3
33.	Geljang EDBO	2

Sl. No.	Name of Departmental Post Office	Staff Strength
34.	Kawnpui EDBO	2
35.	Lingsiphai EDBO	1
36.	Mission Compound EDBO	3
37.	Mualkoi EDBO	3
38.	Panglian EDBO	2
39.	Pearsonmun EDBO	2
40.	Takvom EDBO	3
41.	Khouwpuibung EDBO	3
42.	Mualvaiphei EDBO	2
43.	Turning EDBO	3
44.	Tuikham EDBO	3
45.	Tuitengphai EDBO	3
46.	Behiang EDBO	3
47.	Hengtam EDBO	3
48.	Kangkap EDBO	3
49.	Lama Camp EDBO	2
50.	Lungchin EDBO	3
51.	Lungthul EDBO	3
52.	Mualmun EDBO	3
53.	Saibu EDBO	4
54.	Songtal EDBO	6
55.	Suangdoh EDBO	3
56.	Vokbual EDBO	3
57.	Aibulon EDBO	3
58.	Bukpi EDBO	2
59.	Bungpilon EDBO	3
60.	Hanship EDBO	3
61.	Khajang EDBO	3
62.	Leijangphai EDBO	3

Sl. No.	Name of Departmental Post Office	Staff Strength
63.	Leison EDBO	2
64.	Milongmun EDBO	2
65.	Pamzol EDBO	3
66.	Parbung EDBO	3
67.	Phaijang EDBO	3
68.	Pherazol EDBO	2
69.	Sawaiphaiah EDBO	2
70.	Senvon EDBO	3
71.	Singjawl EDBO	3
72.	Taithu EDBO	3
73.	Tinsong EDBO	2
74.	Tipaimukh EDBO	3
75.	Tuabung EDBO	1
76.	Charoi Khullen EDBO	2
77.	Jeevan Nagar EDBO	3
78.	Leimatak EDBO	3
79.	Mayuron EDBO	3
80.	Sadu Khoiroi EDBO	3
81.	Topka Lamdam EDBO	2

NIC Scientists

2298. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether NIC Scientists are in same ranks and designations for last ten years, despite their best performance in e-governance and Digital India Programmes, if so, reasons therefor;

(b) outcome of Group of Secretaries meeting held on 22 January, 2016 regarding retrospective *in-situ* promotion of NIC Scientists and date from which promotion process will start;