

Statement-II

State-wise estimation of post offices likely to fulfil all the existing three norms for opening of Post Office in next three years

Sl. No.	Circles	Departmental Sub Office (DSOs)	Extra Departmental Branch Offices (EDBOs)
1	Andhra Pradesh	6	Nil
2	Assam	25	50
3	Bihar	15	41
4	Chhattisgarh	Nil	Nil
5	Delhi	5	Nil
6	Gujarat	Nil	Nil
7	Haryana	3	2
8	Himachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil
9	J&K	Nil	28
10	Jharkhand	3	15
11	Karnataka	2	12
12	Kerala	6	8
13	M.P.	Nil	Nil
14	Maharashtra	15	15
15	North East	Nil	Nil
16	Orissa	6	20
17	Punjab	Nil	Nil
18	Rajasthan	Nil	28
19	Tamil Nadu	11	28
20	U.P.	8	9
21	Uttaranchal	Nil	21
22	W.Bengal	Nil	8
TOTAL:		105	285

Rental concession to senior citizens

1659. SHRI SANJAY RAJARAM RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MTNL is providing special concession to the senior citizen subscribers in the monthly rental;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government are considering to provide special concession to B.S.N.L's senior citizen subscribers in the monthly rentals;
- (d) if so, by when; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following concessions are offered by MTNL to senior citizen under "Plan 250":—

- (i) No registration charges.
- (ii) 25% rebate in Installation charges.
- (iii) 25% rental rebate.
- (iv) Reduced Security Deposit of Rs. 1125/- for local & STD line.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.
- (e) BSNL has introduced 'Sulabh Scheme' for all subscribers including senior citizen from October, 2003 under which the rental is substantially lower, ranging from Rs. 99/- to Rs. 160/- per month depending on the capacity of exchange system.

Slump in export of computers

1660. SHRIC. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether export of computers has slumped during the year 2002-03 as compared to the year 2001-02;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to ensure that there is no decrease in export of computers in the coming years?