

Postal Department ATMs in the country

2886. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set up ATMs across the country for the account holders who are having savings bank accounts in the Post Offices across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to tie up the Postal ATMs with the existing ATM infrastructure of various banks across the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI DHOTRE SANJAY SHAMRAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of 998 ATM machines have been installed across the country in Post Offices and so far 39,13,515 ATM cards have been issued to the Post Office Savings Account customers.

(c) The Post Office ATMs have been made inter-operable with the existing ATM infrastructure of various Banks across the country, since 30.12.2016.

(d) Details of ATM transactions as Issuer (the DoP ATM cards used in other Banks' ATM machines) and Acquirer (other Banks' ATM cards used in DoP ATM machines) are as under:—

(i) **Issuer transactions:**

Year	DoP ATM Cards used in other Banks' ATM Machines		
	Financial		Non-Financial
	No of Txns. (In lakhs)	Amount (In crores)	No of Txns. (In lakhs)
2017-2018	69.70	2,946.14	25.87
2018-2019	92.28	4,002.21	30.47
2019-2020	77.32	3,503.86	24.10

(ii) **Acquirer Transactions:**

Year	Other Banks' ATM Cards used in DoP ATM Machines		
	Financial		Non-Financial
	No of Txns. (In lakhs)	Amount (In crores)	No of Txns. (In lakhs)
2017-2018	60.47	2,295.07	25.46
2018-2019	78.80	2,974.59	29.80
2019-2020	81.21	3,021.10	24.50

(e) Question does not arise in view of the position mentioned at (c) and (d) above.

Increase in bandwidth in the capital of India

2887. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that internet speed in the capital of India is well below the bandwidth available in most capitals of the world; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government to increase the bandwidth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI DHOTRE SANJAY SHAMRAO): (a) Internet speed depends on various parameters such as technology deployed, network coverage, number of simultaneous users accessing the internet, connectivity to the website being accessed etc. The speed of mobile internet is further dependent on a number of factors such as distance from Base Transceiver Station (BTS) serving the customer, the number of simultaneous users being served by the BTS, the traffic handled by the BTS etc.

As per the worldwide country rankings released by cable.co.uk, India has been ranked 74th out of 207 countries in 2019. As per Akamai's (an international agency) Quarter 1, 2017 report on "The State of Internet", India with an average internet speed of 6.5 Mbps has a global rank of 89.

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has laid down the standards of Quality of Service for Broadband Service, Regulations 2006 prescribing the benchmarks