

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1945
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th AUGUST, 2021**

NODAL DELIVERY CENTRES IN THE COUNTRY

1945 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has drawn any plan to have a tie-up between e-commerce companies and India Post for establishing various nodal delivery centres across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether Government would get any such proposal examined in due course of time; and
- (d) the new activities proposed to be undertaken by Post Offices in the country keeping in view the situation arising out of COVID-19 pandemic?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

(a)&(b) No sir. The Department of Posts has not drawn any plan for tie-ups between e-commerce companies and India Post for establishing various Nodal Delivery Centres across the country.

(c) Yes sir. The Department will examine any such proposal if received in due course of time. The Department of Posts has operationalised 167 Nodal Delivery Centres for parcel delivery and consignments given by e-commerce companies.

(d) A number of activities have been undertaken by the Department of Posts in the country keeping in view the situation arising out of COVID-19 pandemic which, inter-alia, include door step pick-up and delivery of articles and withdrawal of money etc. A dedicated All India Postal Road Transport Network (RTN) connecting 75 important cities was operationalised from 24.04.2020 from its existing fleet of vehicles complemented by outsourced vehicles for transmission of mail parcels containing Covid-19 related essential items especially ventilators, medicines, COVID testing kits etc.
