

TABLE 14.17  
**Number of Post Offices (Permanent) and Letter Boxes (including the Letter Boxes at Post Offices)**  
**in relation to Area and Population in West Bengal**  
(As on 31st March)

Year	Area in Sq. Km.	Estimated Population (in 000') (as on 1st March)	Total Number of Post Offices	Total Number of Letter Boxes	Area Served per Post Office (in Sq. Km.)	Population Served per Post Office (Number)	Literate Population Served per Post Office (Number)	Area Served per Letter Box (in Sq. Km.)	Population Served per Letter Box (Number)	Literate Population Served per Letter Box (Number)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
1961	88563	34926 *	3494	11053	25	9996	2927	8	3160	925
1971	88565	44312 *	4774	13519	19	9282	3082	7	3278	1088
1981	88752	54581 *	7931	34832	11	6882	2817	3	1567	641
1991	88752	68078 *	8351	39373	11	8152	3905	2	1729	828
2000	88752	79237	8662	39430	10	9148	3782 <sup>†</sup>	2	2009	827 <sup>†</sup>
2001	88752	80176 *	8665	39466	10	9253	5447	2	2032	1196
2002	88752	81278	8715	39566	10	9326	5505 <sup>††</sup>	2	2054	1213 <sup>††</sup>
2003	88752	82320	8746	39631	10	9412	5576 <sup>††</sup>	2	2077	1230 <sup>††</sup>
2004	88752	83316	8752	39638	10	9520	5664 <sup>††</sup>	2	2102	1251 <sup>††</sup>
2005	88752	84277	8752	39640	10	9629	5757 <sup>††</sup>	2	2126	1271 <sup>††</sup>
2006	88752	85216	8751	39642	10	9738	5853 <sup>††</sup>	2	2150	1292 <sup>††</sup>
2007	88752	86125	8750	39642	10	9843	5950 <sup>††</sup>	2	2173	1313 <sup>††</sup>
2008	88752	86995	8748	39642	10	9945	6050 <sup>††</sup>	2	2194	1335 <sup>††</sup>
2009	88752	90581	8748	39642	10	10350	6050	2	2194	1335
2010	88752	90581	8748	39642	10	10350	6050	2	2194	1335
2011	88752	90581	8752	39642	10	10438	6050	2	2194	1335
2012	88752	90581	8754	39642	10	10438	6050	2	2194	1335
2013	88752	91348	8756	39622	13	10436	7026 <sup>†††</sup>	2	2305	1542 <sup>†††</sup>
2014	88752	91348	8757	39897	10	10436	7026 <sup>†††</sup>	2	2289	1542 <sup>†††</sup>
2015	88752	91348	8759	39897	10	10436	7026 <sup>†††</sup>	2	2289	1542 <sup>†††</sup>

Notes : \* Census figure.

† Estimated literate population based on 1991 Census.

†† Estimated literate population based on 2001 Census.

††† Estimated literate population based on 2011 Census.

Sources : 1) Chief Post Master General, West Bengal Circle.

2) Census Report of 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991 & 2001.

3) Bureau of Applied Economics & Statistics, GoWB.

4) Registrar General of India.