

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4556  
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TELECOM FACILITY  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is a fixed time limit to issue STD/PCO booths and telephone connection;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for not setting up separate exchange for those suburban villages where large number of telephone connections are in the waiting lists;
- (d) the total number of PCO/STD allotted/functioning in Tiruvallur district (Sriperumbudur Constituency) of Chennai Division, Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) the total number of STD/PCO awaiting for sanction in Tiruvallur district of Tamil Nadu (Chennai Div.)?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SH.TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) & (b) The norms prescribed for new telephone connection is 15 days after the issue of O.B.STD PCOs installation also takes about the same time after the allottee has completed commercial formalities.
- (c) Separate telephone exchanges are not required if the telephones can be provided from nearby existing exchange. A separate telephone exchange is installed if there is sufficient demand for telephones which are technically not feasible from an other exchange in the area.
- (d) 497 STD PCOs have been allotted in Tiruvallur District.
- (e) 434 applicants are on waiting list in Tiruvallur District.