

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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PCOs IN PURULIA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether inordinate delay is taking place in allotting PCOs in Purulia district of West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) the number of people who applied for PCO but not allotted the same as on date; and
- (e) since when such cases are pending?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SRI YASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) to (e): Sir, there has been some delay in allotment of PCOs due to non availability of spare capacity in the exchanges in Purulia district of West Bengal where 524 applications are pending for allotment at present. It is planned to clear the waiting list by expanding the capacity of the exchange during the next year. The oldest application is pending since 29-3-2001.