

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3969
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PCO AT PANCHAYAT LEVEL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether public PCO at panchayat level in the rural areas of the Haryana is not available;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the quality of sets providing by the Government are of low standard;
- (d) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

- (a) & (b): No, Sir. Village Public Telephones (VPTs) are available in all the inhabited villages (including gram panchayats) having population more than 100 except at those places where VPTs are disconnected due to non-payment of bills by the custodians.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) & (e): Do not arise in view of (c) above.