

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3  
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PCO CONNECTIONS IN PANCHAYAT LEVEL  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the difficulty being faced in getting a PCO connection at Panchayat level in the rural areas of Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and remedial measures taken in this regard;
- (c) whether irregularities are being committed in the quality of telephone instrument while providing a new connection; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No, Sir. All the villages in Karnataka have already been provided with Village Public Telephone facility. These exclude villages having less than 100 population/lying in thick forest area or naxalite infested areas etc.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.