

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2242  
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STD/ISD/PCO BOOTHS IN RAJASTHAN  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of STD/ISD/PCO booths running in the various districts of Rajasthan at present, location-wise;
- (b) the number of such booths proposed to be set up in the State during the current year, location-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the details of amount spent so far on the installation of booths in the State?

**Answer**

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

(a) Sir, a total number of 59986 STD/ISD Public Call Offices (PCOs) and 7795 Local PCOs provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) are running in various districts of Rajasthan as on 31.10.2005. The district-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c) According to the present policy of BSNL, PCOs are provided to all the eligible applicants on first come first served basis subject to technical feasibility. The number of booths to be installed in the current year depends on the availability of applicants.

(d) No separate amount is earmarked for this purpose. The expenditure on PCO lines forms part of the project for direct exchange lines.

Annexure

**NUMBER OF PCOS WORKING IN RAJASTHAN AS ON 31-10-2005**

S.NO	NAME OF DISTRICT	LOCAL		STD/ISD	TOTAL
		PCOs	PCOs		
1	AJMER	237	3026	3263	
2	ALWAR	381	3413	3794	
3	BANSWARA+DUNGARPUR	58	1702	1760	
4	BARMER	121	1365	1486	
5	BHARATPUR+DHOLPUR	208	1763	1971	
6	BHILWARA	430	1695	2125	
7	BIKANER	509	1714	2223	
8	BUNDI	87	445	532	
9	CHITTOGARH	161	1541	1702	
10	CHURU	142	2373	2515	
11	JAISALMER	80	746	826	
12	JAIPUR+DAUSA	2515	9604	12119	
13	JHALAWAR	91	584	675	
14	JHUNJHUNU	198	1838	2036	
15	JODHPUR	524	3149	3673	
16	KOTA+BARAN	493	2748	3241	
17	NAGPUR	165	2636	2801	
18	PALI	330	2404	2734	
19	SAWAI MADHOPUR+ KARAULI	253	1503	1756	
20	SIKAR	167	3166	3333	
21	SIROHI+JALOR	104	3241	3345	
22	SRIGANGANAGAR+HANUMANGARH	172	4451	4623	
23	TONK	45	1130	1175	
24	UDAIPUR+RAJASMAND	324	3749	4073	
	TOTAL	7795	59986	67781	