

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2244
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PUBLIC CALL OFFICE BOOTHS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Public Call Office booths running in Gujarat at present, location-wise;
- (b) the number of applications pending for the approval of P.C.O. booths in the said areas;
- (c) the main reasons for their pendency; and
- (d) the time by which these applications are likely to be cleared?

Answer

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

- (a) Sir, the number of Public Call Office booths provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in Gujarat as on 31.10.2005 is 1,46,561. District-wise detail is given in Annexure.
- (b) The District-wise details of pending applications with BSNL in Gujarat State are given in Annexure.
- (c) The reasons for pendency are as under:
 - (i). Non-completion of formalities by the applicants.
 - (ii). Area being technically non-feasible.
- (d) The pending applications for PCOs in BSNL are likely to be approved by 31.01.2006, subject to completion of formalities by applicants, and PCOs are likely to be provided by December, 2006.

ANNEXURE

DISTRICT-WISE NUMBER OF PCOs PROVIDED AND PENDING APPLICATIONS WITH BSNL FOR PCOs IN GUJARAT

S No	NAME OF DISTRICT	NUMBER OF PCOs		NUMBER OF PENDING APPLICATIONS AS ON 31-10-2005					
		WORKING AS ON 31.10.2005	approved be provided	Yet to be provided	Approved	but yet to be provided	PENDING	TOTAL	
		Local	STD/ISD	Local	STD/ISD	Local	STD/ISD	Grand Total	
1	Ahmedabad 19986	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2	Gandhinagar 1679	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3	Amreli 3552	0	0	33	4	33	4	37	
4	Bharuch 4381	30	8	20	6	50	14	64	
5	Narmada 611	41	12	18	10	59	22	81	
6	Bhavnagar 5309	0	0	4	3	4	3	7	
7	Kutch 4112	0	0	8	17	8	17	25	
8	Godhra 2105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
9	Dahod 1129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10	Sabarkantha 1677	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
11	Jamnagar 4514	0	0	17	8	17	8	25	
12	Junagadh 4533	8	4	7	1	15	5	20	
13	Porbandar 747	3	2	0	0	1	3	3	
14	Mehsana 3432	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
15	Patan 2128	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
16	Nadiad 2418	0	0	12	2	12	2	14	
17	Anand 4470	0	0	45	11	45	11	56	

18	Banaskantha 3776		98	0	0	2	98	2	100
19	Rajkot 13223	0	0	35	4	35	4	39	
20	Surat 33995	12	1	30	8	42	9	51	
21	Surendranagar 1909		0 0	0	0	0	0	0	
22	Vadodara 16642	0	0	41	5	41	5	46	
23	Valsad 6405	0	0	6	1	6	1	7	
24	Navsari 3773	0	0	7	2	7	2	9	
25	Dang 55		0	0	0	0	0	0	
	TOTAL 146561	192	27	283	85	475	112	587	