

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

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FAX /STD /ISD FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS OF KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide public telephone facilities with Fax/STD/ISD in the rural areas of Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) the quantum of funds proposed to be allocated for this purpose; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Secondary Switching Area (SSA) wise details of STD/ISD PCOs provided in Karnataka is as under:

Sl. No.	Secondary Area	Total VPTs of working facility	Sl. No.	Secondary Area	Total VPTs of working facility
1.	Bangalore	2,394 145	11.	Hassan	2,369 33
2.	Bidar	587 04	12.	Kolar	2,889 27
3.	Bijapur	1,247 68	13.	Karwar	1,264 30
4.	Bellary	593 09	14.	Mercara	291 13
5.	Belgaum	1,138 29	15.	Mandya	1,365 0
6.	Chikmagalur	1,021 186	16.	Mysore	1,649 0
7.	Dakshina Kannada	615 44	17.	Raichur	1,396 548
8.	Devangere	1,287 0	18.	Shimoga	1,785 383
9.	Gulbarga	1,295 179	19.	Tumkur	2,537 424
10.	Hubli	1,344 474		Total:	27,066 2,596

(c) 27,066 VPTs have been provided in Karnataka Service Area till September 2005. Any Village Public Telephone (VPT) can be converted to STD/ISD PCO on demand.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.