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PUBLIC CALL OFFICE BOOTHS TO UNEMPLOYED YOUTH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of educated unemployed youth who has applied for Gramin Public Call Office (PCO) booths in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the criteria adopted by the Union Government for allotment of PCO booths among these persons; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Sir, there is no separate category for educated unemployed youth for allotment of Public Call Offices (PCOs) by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). These persons are treated at par with other applicants. As such, no separate information under this category is maintained.

(b) & (c) PCOs are liberally allotted by BSNL to all the applicants of 18 years of age or above including educated unemployed. The connections are provided as per the registration subject to technical feasibility.