

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

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PCO BOOTHS IN MAHARASHTRA
Renge Patil Shri Tukaram Ganpatrao

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of PCO Booths in Parbhani and Jalna districts in Maharashtra;
- (b) the number of applications pending for approval of PCO Booths in the said districts;
- (c) whether the reasons behind the pending of the said applications are inaction of the concerned officers; and
- (d) if so, the time by which all the 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 Offices working in Parbhani and Jalna District as on 31.10.2005, are 2785 and 2696 respectively.
- (b) The Number of applications of PCOs pending for approval in Parbhani and Jalna District as on 31.10.2005, are 72 and 13 respectively.
- (c) The applications pending for approval are mostly recent applications. The reasons for pendency are as follows:-
 - (i) Non completion of formalities by the applicants.
 - (ii) Non-availability of exchange hardware (inter-face cards for PCOs).
- (d) The pending applications are likely to be cleared by 31st March, 2006 subject to completion of formalities by the applicants.