

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the operation of local PCOs at New Delhi Railway Station and at other places in Delhi has been discontinued by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to remove the difficulties being faced by the passengers as a result of it?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The PCOs at New Delhi, Nizamuddin and Old Delhi Railway Stations have been disconnected as per the instructions of Railway Authorities due to misuse of making hoax calls from these PCOs. Local PCO at Narela Railway Station had to be closed as revenue was less than 25% of the metered calls.

(c) MTNL, Delhi is in regular touch with Railway Authorities for restoration of these PCOs.