

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

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PCOs AT PANCHAYAT LEVEL  
Goel Shri Surendra Prakash

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

- (a) whether great difficulties are being faced in getting connection for PCOs at the Panchayat level in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the quality of sets provided by the Government are low standard; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No difficulties are being faced by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in providing connection for Public Call Office (PCO) at the Panchayat Level in Uttar Pradesh. However in some cases where the area is technically non-feasible, provision of PCO is some times delayed. In such cases, PCOs are provided by making the area feasible on commissioning of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) equipment.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.