

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3561  
ANSWERED ON:10.09.2007  
PCO/ ISD/STD BOOTHS  
Reddy Shri Karunakara G.

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

- (a) the number of applications pending with the Union Government for allotment of PCO/ISD/STD booths in the country specially in Karnataka, State-wise;
- (b) the time by which these applications are pending; and
- (c) the number of PCO/ISD/STD booths sanctioned and allotted by the Union Government in the country specially in Karnataka during each of the last three years, as on date, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Sir, as on 31.08.2007, 9791 applications for PCOs are pending in the country as a whole out of which 266 are pending in Karnataka Circle. The data is maintained circle wise and the circle wise breakup of pending applications is given in the Annexure-I.
- (b) The date of oldest pending application (Circle-wise) is given in last column of Annexure-I.
- (c) The number of PCOs allotted in the country (Circle-wise) including Karnataka Circle, during the last three years i.e. 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 01.04.2007 to 30-06-2007 is given in the Annexure-II.