

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:358
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NON FUNCTIONAL OF PCO IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Public Call Offices (PCO) working in Orissa;
- (b) the urban and rural area-wise break-up thereof;
- (c) whether most of the PCO`s remain non-functional particularly in the KBK districts in the State;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the concrete measures taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Sir, the number of Public Call Offices (PCOs) working in Orissa as on 31.05.2004 is as follows:

Urban	Rural	Total
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18074	9816	27890
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(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) The PCOs are being monitored daily at Secondary Switching Area (SSA) level. In case of any complaint about fault of the PCO, prompt action is taken to restore the PCO immediately.