

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of PCOs functioning in the Ranchi region of Jharkhand and Bharuch region of Gujarat;
- (b) the number of applications lying pending for installation of PCO in those regions;
- (c) the reasons for their pendency; and
- (d) the time by which these applications are likely to be cleared?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) Sir, 1987 and 1989 PCOs are functioning in the Ranchi region of Jharkhand and Bharuch region of Gujarat respectively.
- (b) No application is lying pending for installation of PCO in these regions.
- (c) & (d): Do not arise in view of reply to Part(b).