

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3462
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TELECOM FACILITIES IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the rural telephones in Churu district of Rajasthan have been crippled ;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor ;
- (c) the number of P.C.Os sanctioned and installed in the district during the last three years till date ;
- (d) the number out of them lying closed ;
- (e) the reasons therefor ;
- (f) whether the Government proposed to activate the P.C.Os lying closed by improving the telephone services ; and (g) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) No Sir. The rural telephones in Churu district of Rajasthan are generally working satisfactorily.
- (b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.
- (c) PCOs sanctioned :

Year	VPT	STD	Local	Total
97-98	182	144	45	371
98-99	46	120	25	191
99-2000	18	410	-	428

PCOs installed :

Year	VPT	STD	Local	Total
97-98	182	86	45	313
98-99	46	130	25	201
99-2000	17	141	-	158

- (d) 98
- (e) 31 PCOs are disconnected due to non-payment and 67 are faulty.
- (f) Yes, Sir.
- (g) Tenders have been floated for the rectification of faulty VPTs and the faulty 67 VPTs will be set right within next three months.