

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4473
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STD/ISD/PCO BOOTHS IN DARBHANGA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of P.C.Os./S.T.D. and I.S.D. booths allotted in Darbhanga District, Bihar during the last three years;
- (b) the number of such booths out of them allotted to the women and disabled persons during the said period;
- (c) the number of applications lying pending for sanction of such booths in Trimutani Ghat, Bahera in Darbhanga District at present; and
- (d) the reasons for denying the allotment of the said booths to the women applicant and the time by which these application are to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SH.TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) 2459 STD/ISD PCO booths have been allotted in Darbhanga district during the last three years.
- (b) 440 such booths have been allotted to the women and disabled persons during the said period.
- (c) At present 50 applications are lying pending for allotment of PCOs in Trimutani Ghat and Bahera of Darbhanga district.
- (d) Unemployed persons including women are eligible for allotment of PCOs and therefore question of denying to woman applicant ,if eligible, does not arise. Currently, the exchange does not have spare capacity. Pending applications of eligible persons would be cleared as soon as expansion of the exchange takes place.