

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6438
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STD/ISD/PCO BOOTHS IN MAHARASHTRA
CHANDRAKANT BHURAO KHAIRE;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new STD/ISD/PCO booths set up in Maharashtra particularly in Aurangabad district, district-wise during the last three years; and

(b) the number of booths targeted to be set up in the said district during 2000-2001 and in the Ninth Five Year Plan, location-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SH.TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) 34885 STD/ISD/PCO booths were set up in Maharashtra, during the last three years as given below:-

Year	No. of PCOs set up	
1997-98	8510	
1998-99		13170
1999-2000		13205

District-wise figure is not available for the year 1997-98. However, the information for the years 1998-99 & 1999-2000, District-wise, including that of Aurangabad is given in the Annexure.

(b) Under the revised allotment policy, STD/ISD PCOs will be allotted to all eligible applicants subject to technical feasibility. However, as a guideline, a target of 310 PCOs has been set for Aurangabad Telecom District during the year 2000-2001. It has been left to the franchisees to choose the location of the PCOs. The targets are fixed on year to year basis.

ANNEXURE

Statement in respect of part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 6438 for 8-5-2000 STD/ISD/PCO BOOTHS II MAHARASHTRA

NAME OF THE DISTRICT	NO. OF PCOs INSTALLED	
	1998-99	1999-2000
1. Ahmednagar	338	359
2. Akola	113	148
3. Amravati	268	70
4. Aurangabad	339	197
5. Beed	122	65
6. Bhandara	126	321
7. Buldhana	40	190
8. Chandrapur	146	252

9. Dhule	175	120	
10. Gadchiroli	0	0	
11. Jalgaon	295	141	
12. Jalna	88	13	
13. Kalyan	1256	1351	
14. Kolhapur	86	587	
15. Latur	322	270	
16. Nagpur	696	394	
17. Nanded	155	217	
18. Nandurbar	0	0	
19. Nasik	325	657	
20. Osmanabad	121	51	
21. Parbhani	117	278	
22. Pune	2114	1835	
23. Raigad	717	307	
24. Ratnagiri	175	277	
25. Sangli	865	154	
26. Satara	296	3	
27. Sindhudurg		57	66
28. Solapur	21	892	
29. Wardha	121	141	
30. Washim	0	0	
31. Yeotmal	106	34	
32. Mumbai	2506	2719	
33. Thane	685	1032	
34. Raigad	99	164	

Total 13170 13205