

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7535
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2000
PCO/STD/ISD FACILITY
BABUBHAI KHIMABHAI KATARA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the villages of Jhalod and Dahod District of Gujarat are having STD/ISD/PCOs facility at present;
- (b) If so, the details of the villages in said districts where said facility has not been provided;
- (c) The time by which the said facility is proposed to be provided in the remaining villages of said district;
- (d) The funds likely to be incurred thereon;
- (e) Whether the Government have received any representations in this regard;
- (f) If so, the details thereof; and (g) The reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SH.TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir. In Dahod district villages covered by 26 exchanges out of 30 exchanges are having STD/ISD/PCOs facility. Jhalod Taluka has 3 exchanges and villages covered by these 3 exchanges are also having STD/ISD/PCOs facility.
- (b) In Dahod district out of 1078 villages, 562 villages and in Jhalod Taluka out of 151 villages, 62 villages have not been provided with said facility.
- (c) The remaining villages are to be provided with VPTs progressively. The entire work will be completed by March, 2002.
- (d) The funds required depend on the technology deployed at a given location and is determined after detailed survey.
- (e) No, Sir.
- (f) & (g) Does Not arise.