

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6477
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NUMBER OF STD/ISD/PCO
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of STD/ISD/PCOs operating under BSNL in the country;
- (b) whether the number of STD/ISD/PCOs has come down during the last two years;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to retain the number of STD/ISD/PCOs under the BSNL in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

- (a) Sir, 11,58,991 PCOs are operating under the BSNL in the country as on 28.2.2003.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c)&(d) Do not arise in view (b) above.