

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2535
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ISD/STD/PCO FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ISD/STD/PCO facilities have been extended to all the rural and adivasi areas of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) by when such facilities are likely to be made available;
- (e) whether Union Government has received requests for providing these facilities in rural areas; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and by when whole State is likely to be provided these facilities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. S PASWAN)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) & (c): Out of a total of 29460 villages in Andhra Pradesh, 23401 villages have been provided STD/ISD/PCO facilities by Bhara Sanchar Nigam Limited. Telecom facilities in remaining villages are to be provided by the Private Service Provider as per licence agreement.
- (d) to (f): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.