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PENDING APPLICATIONS OF PCOS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of applications as on date are lying pending for installation of PCOs in each district of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the number of PCOs functioning in the State as on date, district-wise;

(d) the criteria for allotment of PCO booth; and

(e) by when the pending applications are likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) In BSNL, 146 applications are pending for installation of PCOs in Orissa and the district-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(c) 31733 BSNL PCOs are working in Orissa State as on 31.3.2005. District-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(d) In BSNL, all applicants of the age of 18 years and above are eligible for allotment of PCOs. The connections are provided as per their registration subject to technical feasibility.

(e) BSNL proposes to clear the pending applications by March, 2006 since these are presently technically non-feasible.

ANNEXURE

District- wise details of working /pending PCOs in Orrisa

Name of Distt.	Number of PCOs working (as on 31.3.2005)		Applications pending for allotment of PCOs (as on 31.3.2005)
	Local	STD/ISD	
Balasore	930	2829	18
Baripada	224	705	9
Ganjam	537	3083	10
Phulbani	31	387	7
Bolangir	227	586	6
Kalanhandi	6	427	32
Puri	2643	5039	5
Cuttack	2497	4236	28
Dhenkanal	141	1682	4
Koraput	120	1289	6
Sundargarh	807	1345	5
Sambalpur	535	1427	16
Total	8698	23035	146