

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

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PCOs IN COUNTRY  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of public call offices functioning in the country at present;
- (b) the number of out of them laying closed as on date;
- (c) whether a large number of such PCOs are struggling hard for survival due to introduction of new type of multi-media kiosks; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Approximately 21,13,720 number of Public Call Offices are functioning in the country as per our record.
- (b) 12,017 Public Call Offices are temporarily lying closed at Delhi as per our record.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.