

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in remote and in accessible areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; area-wise especially in Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) the time by which the said facility is likely to be provided in all the said areas of the country;and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b)to(c) As on 30.06.2010, 5,69,758 villages out of the 5,93,601 inhabited villages as per Census 2001 have been provided with Village Public Telephone (VPT) facility. The State wise achievement including that in Madhya Pradesh in this regard is enclosed as Annexure-I. The remaining VPTs are likely to be provided in a phased manner by February 2011.

(d) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.