

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

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FUNCTIONING OF PUBLIC TELEPHONE BOOTHS

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

- (a) whether the public telephone booths are functioning in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, Statewise;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any target for opening of said booths in the country during the Eleventh Plan period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) proposes to promote mobile services in the country including rural areas;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Madam
- (b) The data of Public Telephone Booths is maintained Service area-wise and not State-wise by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). The number of Public Telephone Booths working during the last three years and the current year is given in the Annexure.
- (c) No, Madam
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.
- (e) to (g) Yes, Madam TRAI has submitted few recommendations to promote mobile services in the country including rural areas under `Spectrum Management and Licensing Framework` dated 11th May, 2010. The recommendations of TRAI are under examination by the Government and being a policy matter, no time frame can be fixed for the decision on the same by the Government.