

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

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RURAL COMMUNITY PHONES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Rural Community Phone (RCPs) are provided in the rural areas of the country,
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and Company-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any target for providing RCPs in the rural areas of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the achievements made in this regard during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (f) the action taken by the Government to those Telecom Operators who have failed to achieve the targets?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Yes, Madam. Total 440,694 Rural Community Phones (RCPs) have been provided in Villages having population of more than 2000 and not having Public Call Office (PCO) facility with subsidy support from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF). The State-wise and Company-wise targets and the achievements made are given in the Annexure.

(f) Does not arise in view of (a) to (e) above.