

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:229  
ANSWERED ON:20.07.2009  
ALLOTMENT OF STD/ISD/PCO BOOTHS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of applications pending with the Union Government for allotment of STD/ISD/PCO booths in the country including West Bengal, circle-wise at present;
- (b) the names of the circles where Telephone Advisory Committees have been constituted for providing such booths;
- (c) the number of persons who have applied for allotment of PCO booths in the country including West Bengal during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the effective steps taken/ being taken by the Government to clear the pending applications?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 229 FOR 20TH JULY, 2009 REGARDING ALLOTMENT OF STD/ISD/PCO BOOTHS.

- (a) Union Government does not provide telecom service. Therefore, the question of pending applications of STD/ISD/PCO booths with Central Government does not arise. However, pending applications of STD/ISD/PCO booths with BSNL/MTNL (Government controlled Public Sector Undertakings) are given in last column of the annexure.
- (b) Telecom Advisory committees (TACs) do not provide STD/ISD/PCO Booths.
- (c) Number of persons who have applied for allotment of STD/ISD/PCO Booths in BSNL/MTNL during the last three years and in the current financial year till 30-06-2009 are given in annexure circle-wise (including West Bengal circle).
- (d) PCOs are generally available on demand subject to technical feasibility and fulfillment of commercial conditions.