

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5793  
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PCO BOOTHS AT RAILWAY STATIONS  
Thakor Shri Jagdish

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that new PCO booths at railway stations/platforms are not being allotted owing to some legal hitch;
- (b) if so, the details and steps taken by the Railways in this regard;
- (c) whether there are inadequate number of PCO booths at railway stations/ platforms across the country including Gujarat; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to provide more booths?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a): No, Madam. There is no legal hitch in allotment of new PCO booths at railway stations/ platforms.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) & (d): No, Madam. However, additional requirement is assessed and tenders are invited from time to time to provide more booths. However, the response has been seen to be poor due to proliferation and very low tariff of mobile phones.