

Title: Need to grant permission for running STD/ISD/PCO booths throughout the State of Jammu & Kashmir - Laid.

SHRI BHAN SINGH BHAURA (BHATINDA) : The Central Government has withdrawn the permission for running STD/ISD PCO Booths throughout the State of Jammu & Kashmir on security reasons, stating that these booths can be used by the militants.

But on the contrary the Central Government is itself providing facilities of ISD/STD to individual/private household on a liberal basis. Moreover the Government has accepted the fact that the militants have their own channel of communication through which they operate. Therefore, the closing down of the STD/ISD booths results only in unemployment to the persons related with these booths, specially the unemployed youths.

Moreover, as a major portion of the trade is credit-based, lakhs of rupees are lying unrealized as the booths are not operating anymore.

Therefore, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to take appropriate steps to review the situation and grant the necessary permission so that these booths can operate again and the youths connected with these can earn their livelihood.