

**Need for permanent activation of Intra-circle Roaming facility for BSNL subscribers in Odisha- Laid**

**SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO (BOLANGIR):** I rise to raise a matter of urgent public importance regarding the need for permanent activation of the Intra-Circle Roaming (ICR) facility for BSNL subscribers in Odisha. At present, BSNL activates ICR only during natural calamities to ensure basic connectivity through access to the networks of other telecom operators. However, natural calamities are not a daily occurrence; they are infrequent, while connectivity challenges persist throughout the year. Hence, ICR should be available at all times, not only during emergencies. Several districts of Western Odisha, particularly Bolangir and Subarnapur (Sonepur), continue to suffer from chronic network gaps due to low tower density and weak signal strength. Technological advancement is intended to improve quality of life, not create additional barriers. Bolangir, being economically backward, has many residents who cannot afford multiple SIM cards, especially when an effective ICR system already exists. In view of these recurring issues, I urge the Government to permanently activate ICR for BSNL subscribers across Odisha; enable seamless access to private networks for calls, SMS, data, and emergency services; and strengthen BSNLs telecom infrastructure across the State.