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SHORTAGE OF SIM CARDS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any shortage of SIM Cards to meet the demand of BSNL mobile service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any Indian company competent enough to produce SIM Cards;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to meet the demand of SIM Cards of BSNL mobile service?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c)&(d) Yes, Sir. BSNL is not aware of any other Indian company other than M/s ITI Limited producing SIM cards at present.

(e) Adequate supplies of SIM cards is there, however, distribution is restricted at some places owing to capacity constraints. Further action for capacity expansion alongwith SIM card procurement is in progress.