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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of SIM Cards in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which SIM Cards are likely to be made available?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b): As reported by private operators as well as Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) , the SIM Cards are available in sufficient quantity in Rajasthan.

(c) Post paid mobile connection of BSNL in Rajasthan is available on demand. Pre-paid connections of BSNL in Rajasthan are being released in phased manner in various cities/towns commensurate with the available radio capacity. BSNL has planned augmentation of its Cellular Mobile Network Capacity during the current financial year to cope up the existing and future demand of pre-paid mobile connections.