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

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of BSNL SIM Cards in the country particularly in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the shortage of SIM Cards over a long period has caused the BSNL to lose valuable market-share to private telecom operators;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir. There is no shortage of BSNL SIM cards in the country particularly in West Bengal.
- (b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.
- (f) BSNL is continuously augmenting its mobile network to meet the demand.