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MOBILE PHONE LINKAGE IN NE REGION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the border areas of North Eastern States have no mobile phone linkage with MTNL, Delhi, both pre-paid and post-paid, resulting in hardships to the residents and the forces particularly in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) As per reports from mobile service providers, mobile subscribers in North Eastern States have no problem in mobile phone linkage with MTNL, Delhi. Post-paid subscribers of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) from North Eastern States including Assam can avail facilities of MTNL Delhi while in roaming. Similarly, post-paid subscribers of MTNL Delhi can avail roaming facility in North Eastern States including Assam. However, pre-paid subscribers of North Eastern States including Assam has not been permitted roaming facility in other service areas due to security reasons. Similarly, pre-paid subscribers of other service areas are not permitted roaming facility in North Eastern States including Assam due to security reasons.