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Title: Need to have a relook at the BSNL's "Coin Collection Box" System.

SHRI PRAHLAD JOSHI (DHARWAD NORTH): Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the coin box telephone instruments which the BSNL used to give to disabled persons and unemployed youth, the BSNL has recently introduced a system whereby a person has to insert two one-rupee coins instead of the earlier system of putting one one-rupee coin into the box. Due to the introduction of this new system, even if a person wants to speak only for 10 seconds, he should spend two rupees. Of course, the duration of a call has now been increased from 90 seconds to 120 seconds. But putting of two one-rupee coins has become a problem.

Secondly, private companies like Tata Indicom and Bharti Telecom are supplying such coin boxes where by inserting only one one-rupee coin, a person can speak for 60 seconds. By this way, BSNL is losing revenue and the disabled persons and unemployed youth are also suffering. I also feel that by introducing this system BSNL is trying to favour private companies. The Minister of Communications should take this matter very seriously and see to it that one-rupee coin boxes should be re-introduced so that all the disabled persons and unemployed youth, for whom these coin box telephone instruments are given, are supported. Then, the duration of a call can be changed to 60 seconds.