

Title : Need to extend the postpaid mobile connection with rent Rs. 100 scheme to all the State Government employees including PSUs and aided school teachers.

DR. K.S. MANOJ : Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister for Communications and Information Technology to the new scheme of mobile phone connection, that is, the post-paid mobile phone connection introduced exclusively for the Government employees. This attractive scheme came into force from 2nd November, 2005 and the response has so far been encouraging. Under this Scheme, the Central and State Government employees and employees of the public sector and pensioners are eligible for connection. In Kerala, the State Government employees include those who are working in the public sector and Government aided schools. But unfortunately those who are working in the State public sector units, aided schools and private colleges were excluded from the scheme. This has created a lot of resentment among those employees.

I would like to request the hon. Minister for Communications to kindly peruse the position and the scheme already announced may be extended for the employees working under the State PSUs, aided schools and colleges.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Rajen Gohain - not present.