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BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is introducing a scheme by which new phones may be provided on making a telephone call in the Karnataka State;
- (b) if so, whether any concrete proposals in this regard have been worked out;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the department is also making the efforts to make the services user-friendly and reduce paper work;
- (e) if so, whether the department is also planning to introduce a new facility wherein the subscribers can use both internet and telephone simultaneously on a single telephone line; and
- (f) if so, the total connections so far provided in the Karnataka under this scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): To start with, the scheme for providing new telephones on making a telephone call has been introduced in the cities of Mysore and Hassan in April 2002. The scheme is going to be extended to other cities of Karnataka State after making the required infrastructure ready.

(d) Efforts are afoot to reduce paper work and make telecom services user friendly through computerization.

(e) & (f): The BSNL has planned to introduce Direct Internet Access Service (DIAS) which permits Internet as well as Telephone calls simultaneously on a single telephone line. A Pilot Project of 30 lines in Bangalore city has been completed for extension of services to the customers.