

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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DEPOSIT AMOUNT FOR SECOND TELEPHONE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) propose to issue second telephone for Re. 1 specially to senior citizens and existing telephone owners immediately;
- (b) if so, whether Rs.1440/- as a deposit amount has to be remitted for such telephones as per BSNL latest order which causes various problems to the consumers viz. non-availability of adequate counters for depositing the same at collection centres; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for not mentioning about the deposit amount at the time of issuing advertisement?

Answer

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

- (a) There is no such proposal with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, at present.
- (b)& (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.