

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

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RATE OF PRE-PAID MOBILE CARDS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL mobile prepaid card holders in the districts of Kolhapur and Sangli of Maharashtra are charged at different rates such as Rs. 300/- in Sangli and Rs. 200/- in Kolhapur; and

(b) if so, the reasons for such a discretion?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir. Pre-paid mobile telephone services are being charged at the same rate, both in Kolhapur and Sangli districts. However, during the initial phase some anomaly was noticed in Sangli district, where Rs. 300/- was charged instead of Rs. 200/- due to oversight. Immediate corrective action was taken and Rs. 100/- was refunded to each of the 332 affected customers. No such discrepancy has occurred in Kolhapur district.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.