

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DISTRIBUTION OF SIM CARDS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaint from the public regarding serious corruption in distribution of SIM Cards by the BSNL Centre at Akola (Maharashtra); and

(b) if so, steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) BSNL is ensuring distribution of SIM cards strictly on the basis of seniority of registration in Akola District. In all cases the bonafide of customer are verified before issuance of SIM cards. BSNL has also planned expansion of Cellular network to overcome the problem of shortage of capacity.