

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

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CLASSIFICATION OF GRAM PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has recently classified certain Gram Panchayats as urban;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria adopted therein;
- (c) whether the rent on telephone has been hiked and number of free calls reduced on the basis of this classifications; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

- (a) Sir, Bharat Sanchar Nigam limited (BSNL) has not classified any gram Panchayat.
- (b) to (d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.