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SHORTAGE OF PHONE CARDS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of pre-paid mobile phone cards of BSNL in Gujarat; and
- (b) if so, the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) Pre-paid Mobile Phone Cards are released in the market commensurate with the network capacity. Due to capacity constraints and to provide trouble free service to the customers, further release of cards has been controlled.
- (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is already in the process of augmenting the cellular network in the State by 3.5 lac lines and the capacity is likely to be available during the next three months resulting in release of sufficient number of pre-paid mobile phone cards thereafter.