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LOK SABHA**

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PROVISION OF FREE HANDSETS TO BPL FAMILIES

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide free handsets with talk time to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families by using unused Universal Service Obligation (USO) Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.