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

(a) whether the Department of Telecom has decided to ask cellular service providers to report the number of active subscribers on the network instead of the SIM cards in the market in order to ascertain the actual number of mobile subscribers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ( SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) to (c) A decision has been taken by the department that an exercise should be done on pilot basis in a representative area to know the actual number of active users {Visitor Location Register (VLR) based} as against number of active Subscriber Identity Modules (SIMs) in that area, subsequently information be collected from all areas for the same month. Accordingly, Delhi and Haryana Telecom Enforcement, Resource and Monitoring (TERM) cells of the Department of Telecommunications have been asked to obtain the information on the same.