

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

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BAN ON MOBILE PHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to ban the pre paid mobile phone connections in some parts of the country on similar grounds as in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) A decision has been taken by the Government to ban pre-paid SIMs in Jammu & Kashmir, with effect from 1st November,2009. At present, there is no proposal to ban the pre-paid mobile connections in other parts of the country. The service providers have been asked by the Government to suggest new security features and verification obligations. Government may reconsider the issue once information is received from the service providers and evaluated.