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Title : Need to increase supply of SIM cards of BSNL in Bellary, Karnataka and improve the Mobile Service in sub-urban and rural areas of the State.

SHRI G. KARUNAKARA REDDY (BELLARY): In Karnataka especially in Bellary, quantity of BSNL cards supply is very short and demand for the same is very high, which causes great problem to users. Because of this short supply, SIM cards are being sold in black-market which causes heavy loss to public and private players are getting benefits by this.

The cost of this SIM card has been increased from Rs. 1,000/- to Rs. 3,000/- for getting connection on demand which middle income group people cannot afford.

The network of BSNL is very poor and whenever we call from BSNL to BSNL phone, we get reply of "Network busy" and BSNL to other networks, we rarely get connected. Since, BSNL is a profit-making company, I don't know why the Company does not rectify this problem.

I urge upon the Government to increase supply of BSNL-SIM cards, increase network capacity and install more number of towers, especially in medium towns and Villages.