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Title: Reported interruption and cross connection of mobile services in the North Eastern Region.

DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Communications, who is present here, to a serious problem of cross connection in the mobile telephone network in Assam.

Sir, we have heard about the problem of cross connection in landline telephones. But we have never heard of the problem of cross connection in the mobile telephone network from any part of the world. In Assam we are now facing this problem of cross connection in mobile telephones. It is a terrorist affected area and so the Government should have been very cautious about this problem. On the advice of the hon. Minister of Communications, top officers of BSNL visited Assam and they have discussed this problem with Members of Parliament also in Guwahati two years ago, but this problem has not been solved till date. In certain remote areas like Lakhimpur and Dhemaji districts of Assam, BSNL's mobile telephone signal is not available continuously for two to three days.

MR. SPEAKER: We have lost all sense of brevity.

DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : So, I would request the hon. Minister of Communications to have a special review meeting only for this problem in Assam and other parts of North Eastern Region so that this problem can be solved.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, it was decided by all the leaders that we will take up only five matters now. I have already taken up at least 15 matters. You want every matter to be taken up. Everyone has given notice to raise important matters. So, they will be taken up at the end of the day.