

- (a) the number of Post-offices in the North-Eastern region, State-wise; and
 (b) the number of Post-offices likely to be opened in the NE region in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There are 7150 Post Offices in the N.E. Region. State-wise details given are in the Statement. (See below).

(b) Opening of Post Offices throughout the country including the NER is an ongoing process. Post Offices are opened on the basis of need and justification as per prescribed norms subject to availability of resources.

Statement

Category-wise Post Offices in North East Region as on 31-3-2008

| Sl. No. | Name of Circle | HOs | | SOs | | EDSOs | | EDBOs | | Total | | Total No. of POs |
|---------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|
| | | Urban | Rural | Urban | Rural | Urban | Rural | Urban | Rural | Urban | Rural | |
| 1 | Assam | 19 | 0 | 222 | 382 | 0 | 35 | 57 | 3292 | 298 | 3709 | 4007 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 1 | 0 | 17 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 251 | 18 | 282 | 300 |
| 3 | Manipur | 1 | 0 | 11 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 643 | 12 | 685 | 697 |
| 4 | Meghalaya | 2 | 0 | 26 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 423 | 30 | 458 | 488 |
| 5 | Mizoram | 1 | 0 | 23 | 17 | 2 | 3 | 32 | 327 | 58 | 347 | 405 |
| 6 | Nagaland | 1 | 0 | 15 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 275 | 26 | 302 | 328 |
| 7 | Tripura | 3 | 0 | 29 | 53 | 2 | 7 | 24 | 598 | 58 | 658 | 716 |
| 8 | Sikkim | 1 | 0 | 12 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 186 | 13 | 196 | 209 |
| TOTAL : | | 29 | 0 | 355 | 597 | 4 | 45 | 125 | 5995 | 513 | 6637 | 7150 |

Landline telephones in NE region

639. SHRI THOMAS SANGMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of landline telephones in the North-Eastern region, State-wise; and
 (b) the number of telephone exchanges likely to be opened in the NE region, in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Sir, the number of wire line telephones of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in the North Eastern Region, State-wise, as on 30.09.2008 is given below:

| Sl. No. | Name of the State | No. of wireline connections as on 30.09.2008 |
|---------|-------------------|--|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| (i) | Assam | 3,78,256 |
| 1 | Meghalaya | 66,131 |
| 2 | Mizoram | 57,492 |
| 3 | Tripura | 85,200 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---------------|-------------------|----------|
| (II) | NE-I | 2,08,823 |
| 1 | Arunachal Pradesh | 46,077 |
| 2 | Manipur | 29,336 |
| 3 | Nagaland | 49,101 |
| (III) | NE-II | 1,24,514 |
| (IV) | Sikkim | 25,955 |
| GRAND TOTAL : | | 7,37,548 |

(b) The number of telephone exchanges of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) planned to be opened during 2008-09, State-wise is given below :

| Sl.No. | Name of the State | No. of Telephone Exchange |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| (I) | Assam | 2 |
| 1 | Meghalaya | 4 |
| 2 | Mizoram | 3 |
| 3 | Tripura | 2 |
| (II) | NE-1 | 9 |
| 1 | Arunachal Pradesh | 2 |
| 2 | Manipur | Nil |
| 3 | Nagaland | Nil |
| (III) | NE-II | 2 |
| (IV) | Sikkim | Nil |
| GRAND TOTAL : | | 13 |

Issuance of SIM without verification

†640.SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- whether there is a proposal to fine a company for assigning SIM without verification;
- if so, the details thereof; and
- until when it will be effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A penalty of Rs. 1000/- per unverified and detected enrolled subscriber is to be imposed. It is a continuous process.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.