

- (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-I	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.