

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2751  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024**

**ACTIVATION OF SIM CARDS BY USING FAKE PROOF**

**2751 SHRI SELVAGANAPATHI T.M.:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that at least 21 lakh SIM cards have been activated using fake proof of identity or proof of address documents;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Government has sent alerts to service providers with a list of suspicious subscribers;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Government has asked them to undertake an urgent reverification of such subscribers and disconnect those found to be bogus;
- (d) whether it has come to notice that in 1.92 crore cases, an individual had subscribed for too many mobile connections, crossing the permitted limit of 9 SIM cards across service providers across the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

(a) to (c) Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has developed a system to detect fraudulent mobile connections taken on fake proof of identity or proof of address documents and such connections are flagged to the telecom service providers (TSPs) for reverification. Till date, DoT has identified about 81 lakh such suspected mobile connections and out of which about 73 lakh mobile connections have been disconnected by the TSPs failing re-verification.

(d) & (e) About 1.92 crore mobile connections held by about 16 lakh subscribers exceeding the prescribed limit of mobile connections which an individual can hold across all the TSPs on pan India basis (6 in J&K / Assam / North East license service area, and 9 in rest of India) were identified by the DoT and referred to TSPs for necessary action. About 66 lakh such mobile connections have been disconnected by the TSPs thereby bringing the mobiles connections within the prescribed limit for these 16 lakh subscribers.

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