

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3290
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2001
VIDESH SANCHAR NIGAM LTD.
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited has started sea cable landing projects in the country;
- (b) if so, the States where these projects have been launched by VSNL; and
- (c) the expenditure to be incurred thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) & (b): Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited is already having Sea Cables Systems in operation with landing points at Mumbai, Chennai and Kochi. In addition, VSNL has started a new project with SAFE (South Africa Far East) with landing station at Kochi, Kerala.
- (c) VSNL's investment in SAFE project is likely to be Rs. 231 crores (Rupees two hundred thirty one crores).