

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3613
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ENCOURAGE OF INTERNET SERVICES
CHARAN DAS MAHANT

Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to encourage the internet services in order to promote the information technology in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to connect Raipur and other major cities of Chhattisgarh State with one international gateway-hub each; and
- (c) if so, the time by which the approval is likely to be accorded in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI PRAMOD MA

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) Internet plans do not envisage connecting Raipur and other major cities of Chhattisgarh directly with International Internet Gateway hubs.