

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3645
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INTERNET ON CABLE T.V.
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any plan to bring Internet on Cable T.V.;
- (b) if so, since when;
- (c) whether yahoo.com is trying for this;
- (d) whether the Sankhya Vahini is likely to be helpful to this project; and
- (e) if so, to what extent?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): As per Internet Service Provider (ISP) policy, access to Internet through authorised cable operator is permitted without additional licensing subject to applicable cable laws. People can use their television to access Internet through cable using set top box.
- (c) No ISP licence has been issued in the name of Yahoo. Com.
- (d) Government has decided not to go ahead with the Sankhya Vahini Project.
- (e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.