

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INTERNET ENABLED I.T KIOKS CYBER CAFES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are considering a proposal to set up internet enabled I.T. Kiosks/ CyberCafes in the country during Tenth Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken thereon so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) to (c): The Working Group on Telecom Sector for Tenth Five Year Plan set up by the Planning Commission, has proposed to set up Internet Enabled I.T. Kiosks/Cyber Cafes in the country. However, state-wise targets have not been proposed in the Working Group report. Meanwhile, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is following a programme of providing Internet Dhabas (Kiosks) in Block Headquarters and so far 3097 block headquarters have been covered and remaining will be covered during the Tenth Five Years Plan Subject to demand.