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SEA ROUTE CABLE NETWORK WITH SINGAPORE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the first sea route cable network has started functioning between India and Singapore recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which rates of long distance telephone calls are likely to be reduced as a result thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) Competition and opening of sector always lead to reduction in rates of various services and is a continuous process.