

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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INTERNET EXCHANGE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that country's first Internet Exchange has started functioning but no Internet Service Provider has joined it till date;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government intend to establish three more proposal exchanges;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps proposed to be taken to attract Internet Service providers to join the Internet exchange?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

- (a): No, Sir. Several Internet Service Providers (ISPs) have agreed to join the Internet Exchange Point (IXP) at Noida.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): Yes, Sir.
- (d): It has been decided to collocate these IXPs at the premises of the Software Technology Park of India at Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata.
- (e): Does not arise.
- (f): The promotional effort, undertaken by the Department of Information Technology includes organization of training and awareness workshops and seminars and waiving of fee payable by the ISP's for the first six weeks of operations.