

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1185
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INTERNET IN NORTH-EAST
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to set up a separate antenna to promote Internet in the North-East Regions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) is in the process of setting up a dedicated satellite antenna at Guwahati for promoting Internet Service in the North East regions of India. Government plans to provide Internet leased line service to customers using the proposed antenna from August 2000.

(c) Not applicable in view of (a) & (b) above.