

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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LAYING OF UNDER SEA CABLE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to have Chennai-Sri Lanka Under Sea cable in partnership with Sri Lanka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which this project is likely to be operational?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

- (a) & (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) propose to lay undersea cable in partnership with Sri Lanka Telecom. Approximately 320 Kms. long cable will be laid between Tuticorin (India) and Mount Lavana (Sri Lanka).
- (c) BSNL has reported that this project is likely to be operational by June, 2006.