

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

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INDO- US ICT WORKING GROUP  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Indo-US Information and Communication Technology Working Group met in December 2006 and failed to agree on the manner in which spectrum should be allocated in case of bandwidth;
- (b) if so, whether the Group agreed to meet again in January 2007 in US;
- (c) if so, the outcome of the meeting held in January 2007;
- (d) whether any agreement has been reached; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. The meeting of Indo-US ICT Working Group was held on 13th December, 2006. prior to the Working Group Meeting, the meetings of three sub-groups namely Information Technology, Telecom and Media and broadcasting were held on 13th December, 2006. The issue of Spectrum to be allocated for band-width was discussed in Telecom Sub Group meeting. It was mentioned that the Government is making all efforts to make more spectrum available for the roll-out of mobile and broadband services in the country, and specrum is being allocated as per well laid down transparent allotment policy.
- (b) No meeting was held in January, 2007.
- (c) to (e) Do not arise in view of (b) above.