

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2438  
ANSWERED ON:17.03.2008  
INTERNET TO PHONE FACILITY  
Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to introduce Internet-to-Phone facility for various countries including USA, U.K. and Australia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for creating awareness about this facility among the people?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Government issues Licences to Telecom Service Providers to provide various Telecom services including Internet Telephony Service. Provision of Internet-to Phone facility for countries outside India including USA, U.K. and Australia has been permitted in Internet Telephony Service, within the framework of the conditions of the Licence.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.