

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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SETTING UP OF CABLE LANDING STATION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Cable Landing Station (CLS) has been set up in the country;
- (b) whether the Union Government has decided to set up one CLS at Haldia of West Bengal;
- (c) if so, whether the feasibility study for locating the CLS has been completed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has received this study report; and
- (f) if so, the time by which the CLS is likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

- (a) Sir. nine Cable Landing Stations (CLS) has been set up as on date in the country.
- (b) to (e) Millenium Telecom Limited, a 100% subsidiary of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has planned to lay a Submarine Cable System from East Coast of India to Far East Asia. The Cable Landing Station for this route has been decided to be located at Digha in West Bengal, based on Desk Top Study report.
- (f) The Cable Landing Station at Digha is likely to be set-up by June, 2010.