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SURVEILLANCE OF INTERNET TRAFFIC

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

- (a) whether the Government has asked telecom operators and Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to install indigenous monitoring equipment for increasing surveillance of internet traffic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reaction of the telecom operators and internet service providers in this regard; and
- (d) the time by which the monitoring equipment will be installed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) to (d) Telecom operators and Internet Service Providers are deploying monitoring equipment for surveillance of Internet traffic as per the conditions of the respective license agreements and as per the requirements of Security Agencies. At present, indigenous Internet monitoring systems are being deployed in the network of Internet Service Providers.

Based on the feedback and traffic projections provided by the Internet Service providers, the Internet monitoring systems are upgraded and deployed continuously as per the requirement of Security Agencies.