

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

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INDIA AS TELEPORT HUB

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make India a teleport hub enabling the country to become an Uplinking/ downlinking centre like Hongkong and Singapore;
- (b) if so, the details and the purpose thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to hold consultations with stakeholders to discuss the modalities, challenges and roadmap for making India a teleport hub;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI MANISH TEWARI)

(a) to (e): The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in its recommendations on "Policy Issues relating to Uplinking/Downlinking of Television Channels in India" dated 22nd July 2010 had, inter-alia, recommended that India should be developed as a teleport hub in view of its technical capabilities and geographical location. The recommendations of TRAI are under the consideration of the Ministry.