

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

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TASK FORCE ON INTERNET TELEPHONY
NAGMANI

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

- (a) whether the Government have decided to allow Internet Telephony;
- (b) if so, whether the Department of Telecommunication decided to constitute special task force to formulate a strategy for this purpose;
- (c) whether this task force has submitted its report to the Government;
- (d) if so, the details of the recommendations made by this task force; and
- (e) if not, the time by which this task force is likely to submit its report?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Internet Telephony Service has been allowed from 1st April, 2002.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) to (e): Do not arise in view of (b) above.