

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FREE E-MAIL SERVICE BY MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether MTNL propose to start free E-mail service on their mobile cellular telephones as introduced by some private ISPs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be introduced ; and
- (c) if not, the manner in which they face competition from the private operators in the telecom field?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) to (c) MTNL has not launched its cellular telephone service so far, hence the question of providing free e-mail service does not arise.