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INTERNET CONTENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (MTNL) propose to evolve a mechanism to protect `Internet Contents`; and
- (b) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the contents as well as boost E-commerce?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) MTNL is running Internet services in Delhi and Mumbai and Internet contents on MTNL servers are protected by suitable software mechanism.

(b) Content available through internet websites are largely by the initiative of the individual organisations. Government of India is supporting projects in areas like multimedia, multilingual software particularly covering Indian languages. This is expected to improve contents.

To boost E-commerce, several projects are being supported by MIT for awareness building, improving skills and technical competence in the area of E-commerce. One of the projects aims to set up a Centre of Excellence for E-Commerce at CMC, Hyderabad.

Information Technology Act for regulatory & legal framework to boost E-Commerce is being brought into effect from August 15,2000.