

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INDO- JAPAN TIES IN TELECOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Japan has expressed its keenness to provide overseas development assistance for setting up the broadband network in India;
- (b) if so, the details of the agreements reached between India and Japan in this regard; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to implement them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. However, a Joint Statement was signed by India and Japan in Tokyo, Japan on January 18, 2005. It was only a intent of expression to work together for the proliferation of broadband in both the countries. There was no financial commitment from either side.