

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

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INVESTMENT IN ILD INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether International Service Providers (ISPs) and International Long Distance (ILD) operators are free to set up their International bandwidth cables;
- (b) if so, the number of cables installed during the last three years, operator-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken for investment in ILD infrastructure ?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Operator-wise details of cables installed are given as under:

Name of Operators Nature of Cable Connecting places

Bharti Infotel Ltd.	1. i 2 i cable 2. SE-MEA-WE 4 South East	1. Chennai to Singapore 2. Connecting Asia, India, Middle East Asia and Western Europe.
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Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	1. Falcon Cable	Mumbai to Oman
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Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	1. TIS Cable 2. SE-MEA-WE 4	1. Chennai to Singapore 2. Connecting South East Asia, India, Middle East Asia and Western Europe.
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(c) Government has announced reduction in the entry fee, licence fee and has eased licence conditions.