

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

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BROADBAND WIRELESS RESEARCH CENTRE  
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up a broadband wireless research centre in Tamil Nadu; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount earmarked for the same?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has supported setting up of a broadband wireless research center in Tamil Nadu as a joint venture between its R&D institution, Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) and Alcatel of France. The first product to be developed by the Centre is Worldwide Interoperable Microwave Access (WiMAX) systems. An amount of Rs. 52 crores has been earmarked to be provided to C-DOT for its share of 49% equity over a period of three years, and additional Rs. 52 crores will be provided as loan component to C-DOT over a period of four years of its 49% share.