

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:214
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2006
LAUNCH OF IPTV SERVICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) service in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether TRAI has made any recommendations in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) is empowered to provide this service;
- (f) if not, the reasons for launching of this service;
- (g) whether the Government has received any requests from private telephone service providers in this regard; and
- (h) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (h) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (h) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 214 FOR 6TH DECEMBER, 2006 REGARDING LAUNCH OF IPTV SERVICE.

(a) & (b) MTNL has launched IPTV Service in Mumbai on 14.10.2006 and in Delhi on 17.10.2006. BSNL is in process of launching this service.

(c) & (d) At present, there exists no recommendations from TRAI on IPTV.

(e) & (f) MTNL is empowered to provide all types of Access Services including Broadband in Delhi & Mumbai. IPTV is being provided as a Value Added Service over broadband.

(g) & (h) The Government has not received any request from other private telephone service providers in this regard.