

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SECRET INFORMATION ON WEBSITE

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

- (a) whether the images of some vital installations/sensitive areas are available on the internet websites such as `www.wikimapia.org`, `www.googleEarth` etc;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any proposal to ban these websites dangerous for the safety of any country at international level;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has also any proposal to make a law to deal with such situations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a), (b) and (c): The Government is aware of images of some vital installations/sensitive areas available on the internet through www.wikimapia.org, www.googleearth etc. and has initiated steps with reference to the matter of hosting of such images on these web sites.

(d) and (e) :Section 69 of the Information Technology Act 2000 provides the legal framework to deal with such situations.