

- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to address the situation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) The import of Electronic Goods during the last three years has increased as given below:

Year	Value (Rs. crore)
2009-10	99418.61
2010-11	121017.19
2011-12	156503.62

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkata.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. To promote manufacturing of electronic goods indigenously and reduce dependence on imports, Government has notified the National Policy on Electronics (NPE) 2012 for the promotion the Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) sector in the country. The Policy envisions creating a globally competitive ESDM industry to meet the country's needs and serve the international market. Several Schemes including Modified Special Incentive Package Scheme (M-SIPS) to offset disability and attract investments in ESDM industries; Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMC) Scheme to provide world-class infrastructure for the ESDM Sector; Policy for providing preference to domestically manufactured electronic products, in procurement of those electronic products which have security implications for the country and in Government procurement; and Scheme for mandatory registration of identified electronic products for meeting specified safety standards have already been approved.

- (d) Does not arise.

Proposal to set up telecom finance corporation

2074. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to set up a Telecom Finance Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the proposed Telecom Finance Corporation will provide long and short term loans to telecom companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-2017) has recommended that Telecom Finance Corporation may be created as a vehicle to access funds at competitive rates to facilitate the funding needs to the Telecom Sector, in case of requirement.

The National Telecom Policy-2012 has also envisaged the creation of Telecom Finance Corporation as a vehicle to mobilize and channelize financing for telecom projects.

(c) and (d) The Telecom Finance Corporation proposes to facilitate investments in the sector. It would be a financing agency to provide funds including long and short term loans to Telecom Companies such as telecom infrastructure providers, service providers, equipment manufacturers, internet service providers etc.

Hacking of Government networks by Chinese hackers

2075 SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chinese hackers are targeting Government and private networks bearing important data concerned with national security;

(b) if so, the latest report in this regard; and

(c) the strategy Government has planned to control such hackers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) and (b) There have been attempts from time to time to penetrate cyber networks operating in Government. These attacks have been observed to be originating from the cyber space of a number of countries including China. It has been observed that the attackers are compromising computer systems located in different parts of the world and use masquerading techniques to hide the identity of actual system from which the attacks are being launched.