

Ispak criticises role of IT Ministry

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ISLAMABAD: Frustrated with the incapability and non-responsiveness of the Ministry of Information Technology (MOIT), the Internet industry has approached Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani for intervention and directing the ministry to resolve the burning issues faced by the IT and telecom industry of the country.

In a letter addressed to the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Nergis Sethi, Internet Service Providers Association of Pakistan (Ispak) wanted to apprise the prime minister in his capacity as Minister In charge for IT on the inaction by MOIT on critical issues faced by the industry for last two years.

The present government has not appointed a full time minister to head a key ministry since it assumed office more than a year back.

Ispak in its letter stated, "We had a meeting with the secretary MOIT on June 25, 2009 and he promised to resolve our issues immediately but nothing has been done so far. This shows the total lethargy and ineffectiveness of the ministry in dealing with its stakeholders on policy issues strangling the IT and telecom industry of the country."