

India seeking to intercept BlackBerry messages

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A visitor photographs the new BlackBerry PlayBook at an event in San Francisco last week. India is seeking to find an "appropriate" means to monitor messages and corporate emails sent through Blackberry smart phones.

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India and countries such as Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have sought access to monitor the services as they fear heavy encryption makes BlackBerry convenient for terrorists to use without being monitored.

"There are certain categories (monitoring of communication) where things are possible, there are certain categories where the same kind of

interception is not possible," Telecommunications Secretary R. Chandrashekhar said late Friday.

India's government is testing various ways to intercept BlackBerry communications.

It earlier said BlackBerry maker [Research in Motion](#) (RIM) had offered solutions to access the [BlackBerry](#) messenger, Internet, voice calls and short messaging services.

New Delhi had initially threatened to ban BlackBerry's corporate email service if the firm failed to come up with ways to monitor it by the end of August. Now it has said it will review the situation near the end of October.

India has also said that RIM will have to set up a server if it wishes to continue in the country and said it will study the feasibility of services provided through such a server located in [India](#).

A spokesman at the Indian unit of Research In Motion did not immediately respond to emailed requests for comment.

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