

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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A STATUS TO ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have given A2 status to Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Andhra Preaesh Government to upgrade the status of Andhra Pradesh to A1 and give it international Internet gateway; and
- (d) if so, the action taken/being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Internet node of Andhra Pradesh located at Hyderabad is of A-2 status based on projected internet demand.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Augmentation of Node equipment at Hyderabad will be carried out in National Internet Backbone Phase-II Project, if the required traffic is there.