

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL INTERNET BACKBONE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a national internet backbone based on optical fibre system has been planned and is under execution;
- (b) if so, the details of the progress made in this scheme, State-wise;
- (c) whether Hyderabad is given only A2 Status and would be without an international internet gateway; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measure proposed to be taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): BSNL has already set up National Internet Backbone (NIB) based on optical fibre systems which consists of 45 Major Internet Nodes parenting 391 other Internet nodes. The NIB is being connected to International Gateways at 6 places located at Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore and Pune.

(c) & (d): The Hyderabad Internet node is connected to the NIB like any other major internet node and NIB in turn is connected to International Gateways.