

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:297

ANSWERED ON:20.11.2002

SUBMARINE CABLE LINK BETWEEN VISAKHAPATNAM AND KAULA LUMPUR

SUKENDER REDDY GUTHA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a proposal to lay submarine cable link from Visakhapatnam to Kuala Lumpur has been finalized;
- (b) if so, the benefits likely to accrue from this project; and
- (c) by when the cable link is likely to be made functional?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) A proposal to set up a submarine cable landing station at Vishakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh was submitted in April 2001 by M/s Astro Network India Private Limited proposing Vishakhapatnam and Penang (Malaysia) as terminal stations. The Company so far has not shown any interest in going ahead with the proposal as they are yet to respond to certain clarifications requested on the proposal.