

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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SHORT SUPPLY OF ADSL II MODEMS .  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) The reasons for short supply of Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL-II) Modems in Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (b) The number of subscribers opted for broadband in Visakhapatnam since its introduction, month-wise alongwith the number of waitlisted subscribers as on June 30,2006?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Based on initial estimates of demand, Visakhapatnam Secondary Switching Area (SSA) was allotted 5004 number of Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line-2 plus (ADSL-2 Plus) Customer Premises Equipments

(CPEs) by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). However, it was observed that demand was more than this allotment. In order to meet this demand for new connections for Broadband services, 2000 are being delivered to Andhra Pradesh (AP) Circle by BSNL and proportionate allotment will be done to Visakhapatnam. Further, additional 12000 CPEs are being allotted to AP Circle by BSNL which will be delivered in phased manner upto October 2006 with proportionate allotment to Visakhapatnam.

(b) Broadband services by BSNL was started in Visakhapatnam SSA in June, 2005. Month-wise broadband connections provided is as follows:-

Month	No. of connections given
June, 2005	52
July, 2005	135
August,2005	348
September, 2005	318
October, 2005	730
November, 2005	460
December, 2005	540
January, 2006	487
February, 2006	450
March, 2006	505
April, 2006	515
May, 2006	188
June, 2006	153
July, 2006	325
August, 2006	239
Total	5445

There are 4628 broadband connections of BSNL working in Visakhapatnam Secondary Switching Area (SSA). The waitlist for Broadband connections in Visakhapatnam SSA is 789 (as on 30th June 2006).