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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the States which are lagging behind the national average in setting up of optical fibre network;
- (b) the number of `Server Farms and Web Hosting` centres set up in the country so far; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the pace?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Optical Fibre Network is being set up to augment connectivity of the exchanges with reliable media. Provision of connectivity depends upon a number of factors like geographical area, number of exchanges, physical terrain etc. Progress of all Circles in this respect is satisfactory. As per the plan of BSNL, all the exchanges are to be connected with reliable media (Optical Fibre Cable, Microwave and Satellite systems) by March, 2002.

(b) & (c): BSNL has not set up any `Server Farms and Web Hosting` centre so far.