

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2773  
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2001  
MASSIVE INVESTMENTS IN POWER GRID CORPORATION  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Power Grid Corporation has decided to lay its proposed 14,000 km. long optical fibre network;
- (b) if so, whether the country wide optical fibre network is likely to cost Rs. 1,400 crore;
- (c) the names of the cities that are likely to be covered under this scheme; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER ( SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA )

(a) to (d) : POWERGRID plans to develop fibre optic telecom backbone network of about 14,000 kms. In the next 2-3 years at an estimated cost of Rs.1100 crores. The network will connect all metros and major towns and cities in the country, a list of which is at Annex.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2773 TO B ANSWERED ON 15.3.2001.

Sl.No. State City Names

1	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad
2	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
3	Andhra Pradesh	Vishakapatnam
4	Assam	Guwahati
5	Assam	Tezpur
6	Bihar	Jamshedpur
7	Bihar	Patna
8	Delhi	Delhi
9	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
10	Gujarat	Vadodra
11	Haryana	Panipat
12	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
13	J & K	Jammu
14	J & K	Udampur
15	Karnataka	Bangalore
16	Karnataka	Mysore
17	Kerala	Eranakulum
18	Kerela	Kozikode
19	Kerela	Trivandrum
20	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
21	Madhya Pradesh	Indore
22	Madhya Pradesh	Raipur
23	Madhya Pradesh	Bhilai
24	Madhya Pradesh	Itarsi
25	Madhya Pradesh	Jabalpur
26	Maharastra	Mumbai
27	Maharastra	Nagpur
28	Maharastra	Nasik
29	Maharastra	Pune
30	Gujarat	Surat
31	Manipur	Imphal
32	Meghalaya	Shillong
33	Nagaland	Kohima
34	Orissa	Bhubaneswar
35	Orissa	Rourkela
36	Punjab	Ambala
37	Punjab	Jalandhar

38 Punjab Ludhiana  
39 Punjab Moga  
40 Punjab Panchkula  
41 Rajasthan Jaipur  
42 Tamilnadu Chennai  
43 TamilNadu Coimbatore  
44 TamilNadu Madurai  
45 Tamilnadu Trichi  
46 Tirpura Agartala  
47 UP Agra  
48 UP Allahabad  
49 UP Kanpur  
50 UP Lucknow  
51 UP Moradabad  
52 UP MuradNagar  
53 UP Varanasi  
54 UT Chandigarh  
55 Westbengal Calcutta  
56 Westbengal Durgapur