

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2160
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OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a meeting was held with Andhra Pradesh Government on June 14, 2000 regarding clearance for setting up a high speed optical fibre telecommunication infrastructure in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to lay Optical Fibre Cables (OFC) for about 2000 kms route (1500 kms of 6F and 500 kms of 12f) in Andhra Pradesh during 2000-2001;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) It is proposed to lay 3000 Kms of 6F optical fibre cable and 2000 Kms of 12 F optical fibre cable during the year 2000-2001.
- (d) It is proposed to connect all remaining exchanges and proposed remaining new exchanges with reliable media.
- (e) Out of 3000 Kms of 6F optical Fibre cable, 2600 Kms has been received and balance supply is expected. For procurement of 12F optical fibre cable, a tender was floated but supply could not commence for full quantity due to non acceptance of tendered prices by vendors. A short notice limited tender has been called for procurement of balance quantities.