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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal for providing at least 2000 km optical fibre cable for Bidar district in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have installed electronic exchanges in the said district;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SRI MATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) to (d): The total number of exchanges in Bidar district is 79 and all are digital electronic exchanges. All these exchanges have reliable media connectivity, with 73 connected on optical fibre. Hence, there is no proposal to provide 2000 kms of optical fibre cable to Bidar district.