

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:575  
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2003  
LAYING OF OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE  
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have commissioned Optical Fibre Cable Network between Bangalore-Chennai and Bangalore-Hyderabad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to commission this Cable Network facility between Bangalore-Mangalore via Hassan and between Bangalore and Hubli Dharwar ; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

- (a)&(b): Yes, Sir. RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RailTel), a public sector undertaking of the Ministry of Railways has commissioned, in June 2003, Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) network connecting Bangalore - Secunderabad via Dharmavaram - Guntakal and Bangalore - Chennai via Secunderabad - Vijayawada & also via Guntakal - Renigunta. This covers about 2000 Route kms and the Network commissioned has a capacity to carry 7560 voice channels.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Sir. RailTel has also planned to commission OFC network on Bangalore - Mangalore section via Mysore & Hassan and on Bangalore - Hubli section via Gooty & Guntakal. The OFC network on Bangalore- Guntakal section has already been commissioned. The laying of OFC has been completed on Bangalore - Mysore and is in progress on Mysore - Mangalore and Guntakal - Hubli - Dharwad section.