

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1692
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OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal to replace all telephone cables by the underground optical fibre cables in some States under consideration of the Department of Telecommunications;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the time by which the said installation work is likely to be completed ? *****

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (c)

Underground Optical Fibre Cables are not being proposed for replacing all telephone Cables. However, these are being laid mostly to inter-connect different towns for long distance transmission and also to connect different exchanges in the same city.