

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4304
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LAYING OF OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to lay Optical Fibre Cables in various States including Delhi to increase the telephone facilities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State-wise optical Fibre Cable (OFC) expansion plan for the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 is given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES (OFC) EXPANSION PLAN FOR THE YEARS 2005-2006 & 2006-2007

| S.N o. | State | OFC TARGET (Route Kilometers) 2005-06 | OFC TARGET (Route Kilometers) 2006-07 |
|-----------|----------------------|--|--|
| (A) | BSNL | | |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 1100.00 | 1200.00 |
| 2 | Andaman & Nicobar | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| 3 | Assam | 600.00 | 700.00 |
| 4 | Bihar | 750.00 | 900.00 |
| 5 | Jharkhand | 500.00 | 600.00 |
| 6 | Gujarat | 1000.00 | 1000.00 |
| 7 | Haryana | 400.00 | 500.00 |
| 8 | Himachal Pradesh | 300.00 | 400.00 |
| 9 | Jammu & Kashmir | 300.00 | 500.00 |
| 10 | Karnataka | 800.00 | 1000.00 |
| 11 | Kerala | 600.00 | 900.00 |
| 12 | Madhya Pradesh | 900.00 | 1000.00 |
| 13 | Chhattisgarh | 500.00 | 600.00 |
| 14 | Maharashtra | 1200.00 | 1500.00 |
| 15 | Meghalaya | 1000.00 | 800.00 |
| 16 | Mizoram | | |
| 17 | Tripura | | |
| 18 | Arunachal Pradesh | 1000.00 | 1000.00 |
| 19 | Manipur | | |
| 20 | Nagaland | | |
| 21 | Orissa | 550.00 | 500.00 |
| 22 | Punjab | 900.00 | 1000.00 |
| 23 | Rajasthan | 900.00 | 1000.00 |
| 24 | Tamil Nadu | 1600.00 | 1650.00 |
| 25 | UP (E) | 900.00 | 1000.00 |
| 26 | UP (W) | 500.00 | 700.00 |
| 27 | Uttaranchal | 300.00 | 400.00 |
| 28 | West Bengal | | |
| 29 | Sikkim | 1350.00 | 1100.00 |
| 29 | Sikkim | | |
| | Total | 18000.00 | 20000.00 |

B MTNL (Delhi & Mumbai)

It has been planned to lay 18000 Route Kms. of optical fibre cable for various purposes like Inter-exchange junction, leased lines, POI etc. in 2005-06

In 2006-07, MTNL has planned to lay optical fibre cable up to subscribers premises in the local network to provide broadband service and reduce fault rate.