

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

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OFC NETWORK  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has undertaken to build an exclusive and dedicated Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) network for the Defence Forces in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. In the meeting held on 3rd December, 2009, the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure (CCI) has approved setting up of an exclusive and dedicated OFC based communication network for Defence services for release of spectrum by December, 2012. The CCI also gave financial approval of Rs. 9175.16 crore which includes Rs. 1077.16 crore for Air Force network and Rs. 8098 crore for Army and Navy network.