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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to lay Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) network in all the villages for providing Broadband services in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds sanctioned in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) to (c) Government is actively working on formulation of a National Broadband Plan. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) consultation with stakeholders on the subject, is underway. The National Broadband Plan would address Broadband connectivity to all the Villages, including through Optical Fibre Cable, as required. However, no final decision has been taken in the matter so far.