

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

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LAYING OF UNDERGROUND CABLE  
Das Shri Bhakta Charan

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to lay underground cable in all over the country including Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the total expenditure likely to be incurred in this regard during the current financial year;
- (d) whether the Government has laid down any parameter regarding awarding the contracts for the said work; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. BSNL has proposed to lay underground cable as per requirement and will be covering 52.97 Lakh kms. Approximately. The State-wise details are given in the Annexure. BSNL plans to spend approximately Rs.496 crores in this financial year.

MTNL plans to spend Rs.49 crores and Ra.25 crores in Delhi and Mumbai respectively for laying and rehabilitation work of underground cable in 2009-2010.

(d) & (e) The contract for laying is awarded on the basis of lowest price quoted by bidder after calling the bids through open tender. The material is procured separately from the suppliers meeting specifications and on the basis of lowest price after calling open tenders.