

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 733  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2017**

**K-FONE PROJECT**

733. SHRIMATI P.K.  
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government has received any proposal from Government of Kerala to provide financial support for K-Fone project, which aims to provide internet connectivity to all houses in Kerala; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

- (a) A proposal has been received from the State of Kerala to provide fibre connectivity to home/premises with funding from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) under BharatNet project.
- (b) On 19.07.2017, Government approved a modified implementation strategy for BharatNet. Under this strategy, the last mile connectivity through Wi-fi or any other suitable broadband technology will be provided to cover all the GPs in the country. Last mile connectivity for all GPs is to be provided through Viability Gap Funding in Public Private Partnership mode by the State Government or Bharat Broadband Network Limited. Fibre connectivity to home/premises is not envisaged in the current scope of BharatNet project.

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