

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2506
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST AUGUST, 2018**

OFC BETWEEN CHENNAI AND PORT BLAIR

2506. SHRI BISHNU PADA RAY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is laying Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) from Chennai, Tamil Nadu to Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and if so, the details and the present status thereof; and
- (b) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Yes Madam, the details are as follows

- i. Government has approved a project to lay Submarine Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) from Mainland India [Chennai] to eight (8) Islands of Andaman & Nicobar namely; Port Blair, Car Nicobar, Little Andaman, Havelock, Kamorta, Great Nicobar, Rangat Island and Long Island.

BSNL is nominated as Project Execution Agency.

BSNL has placed Purchase Order (PO) to its vendor (NEC) on 26.06.2018.

- ii. The timeline for the completion of Project is two years from the award of work by BSNL.
