

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1197
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16th DECEMBER, 2022**

**OPTICAL FIBRES LAID IN NARSINGHPUR DISTRICT OF
MADHYA PRADESH**

1197 # SHRI KAILASH SONI:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of optical fibres laid so far in Narsinghpur district of Madhya Pradesh to complete the National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) project;
- (b) the number of Gram Panchayats connected through broadband and Wi-Fi hotspots in Narsinghpur so far under the above project; and
- (c) Government rate list for publicity and broadcast of above project in order to create awareness about this project?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

- (a) In Narsinghpur district of Madhya Pradesh 1389.41 Kms of OFC has been laid under BharatNet Project (earlier known as National Optical Fibre Network).
- (b) Total 446 Gram Panchayats (GPs) have been made service ready and 302 Wi-Fi hotspots have been installed in the Narsinghpur District under BharatNet Project.
- (c) Ministry of Communication is available on all popular Social Media Platforms present in the country and also has a dedicated website. In order to create awareness about BharatNet project, information related to the project, its activities, new initiatives etc. are shared with Public through the social media platforms and websites.
