

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1824  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023**

**OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE NETWORKS FOR DEFENCE SERVICE**

**1824 SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI:  
SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:  
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:  
SMT. RANJEET RANJAN:  
SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has a concrete strategy to strengthen internal military communications in remote border areas, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the progress made in laying of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) Networks for Defence Services since 2019, along with the budgetary expenditure for the last three years; and
- (c) whether Government is aware of the Sino-Nepal Optical Fiber Project, and if so, what effect does this have on Indian Defence along the Line of Actual Control (LAC)?

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

- (a) to (c) The information sought is sensitive in nature. Therefore, it is not appropriate to divulge the information in public domain as the disclosure may have bearing on National security.

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