GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1299
ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY, 2025

LAYING AND MAINTENANCE OF OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES IN THE COUNTRY

1299 # SHRI RAJENDRA GEHLOT:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a)   the total length of optical fibre cables laid across the country during last three years, State-wise and district-wise specially with respect to Rajasthan;

(b)   the total amount allocated/released and utilized for laying and maintenance of optical fibre cables across the country during last three years, district-wise details thereof specially with respect to Rajasthan; and

(c)   whether Government is planning to run any skill training programme regarding laying and maintenance of optical fibre cables, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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(a)   As of March 31, 2025, a total of 6,98,010 route KM of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) has been laid across the country during the last three years. The state-wise details are attached as **Annexure-I**.

(b)   A sum of Rs. 11,014.35 crores have been allocated/ released and utilized under BharatNet Project including Rs. 605.97 crores for Rajasthan during the last three years (FY 2022-23 to 2024-25).

(c)   Presently, there is no proposal to introduce such training programs.

Annexure-I referred to in answer to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1299 answered on 31.07.2025

S. No	State/UT Name	Total OFC Laid (in route KM)
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands (UT)	332
2.	Andhra Pradesh	70544
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	2859
4.	Assam	19288
5.	Bihar	11480
6.	Chandigarh (UT)	1558
7.	Chhattisgarh	14629
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu (UT)	189
9.	Delhi (UT)	7951
10.	Goa	520
11.	Gujarat	14767
12.	Haryana	6027
13.	Himachal Pradesh	5488
14.	Jammu and Kashmir (UT)	10072
15.	Jharkhand	14065
16.	Karnataka	21812
17.	Kerala	81764
18.	Ladakh (UT)	1187
19.	Lakshadweep (UT)	20
20.	Madhya Pradesh	22925
21.	Maharashtra	56211
22.	Manipur	2171
23.	Meghalaya	3335
24.	Mizoram	1594
25.	Nagaland	1957
26.	Odisha	18773
27.	Puducherry (UT)	31
28.	Punjab	41326
29.	Rajasthan	37706
30.	Sikkim	1005
31.	Tamil Nadu	86944
32.	Telangana	65270
33.	Tripura	386
34.	Uttar Pradesh	41980
35.	Uttarakhand	8382
36.	West Bengal	23461
	Grand Total	**698010**

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