

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2236  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2017**

**DAMAGING OF OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE NETWORK**

†2236. SHRI ANSHUL VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether reports have been received regarding digging ground for laying cables and thereby damaging optical fibre cable networks laid by BSNL and MTNL by various Government agencies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, including Delhi;
- (c) whether the Government has received any representation for timely repair of networks in Delhi; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the MTNL for timely repair of damaged optical fibre cable networks?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) have reported that Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) is being damaged by various government agencies such as water board, power distribution companies, telecom companies, road owning agencies, gas pipeline companies etc.
- (b) Details of BSNL and MTNL are given at **Annexure**.
- (c)&(d) For Delhi, MTNL has received representations for timely repair of networks in Delhi. MTNL takes prompt action for restoration of OFC network, subject to technical feasibility and permission accorded from the municipal authorities/ road owning agencies.

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OFC damage cases due to digging ground for laying cables by various Government agencies		
S.No.	Name of the Circle / Maintenance Region	No. of times OFC damaged (2016-17)
A	<b>BSNL:</b>	
1	Andaman & Nicobar	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	88
3	Assam	0
4	Bihar	29
5	Calcutta Telecom District	5
6	Chhattisgarh	4
7	Chennai Telecom District	0
8	Gujarat	1907
9	Haryana	17
10	Himachal Pradesh	15
11	Jammu & Kashmir	112
12	Jharkhand	0
13	Karnataka	1315
14	Kerala	0
15	Madhya Pradesh	98
16	Maharashtra	808
17	North East-I (Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura)	
	Meghalaya	0
	Mizoram	0
	Tripura	4
18	North East-II (Arunachal, Manipur, Nagaland)	
	Arunachal	9
	Manipur	16
	Nagaland	30
19	Odisha	429
20	Punjab	1
21	Rajasthan	380
22	Tamil Nadu	1825
23	Telangana	270
24	UP(East)	144
25	UP(West)	0
26	Uttarakhand	41
27	West Bengal (West Bengal & Sikkim)	
	West Bengal	35
	Sikkim	0
28	Eastern Telecom Region (Long Distance OFC Network)	173
29	Northern Telecom Region (Long Distance OFC Network)	192
30	Southern Telecom Region (Long Distance OFC Network)	161
31	Western Telecom Region (Long Distance OFC Network)	171
B	<b>MTNL:</b>	
1	Delhi	425

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