

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1948  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**K-FON PROJECT**

1948. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State of Kerala seeking central assistance for the project Kerala Fibre Optic Network (K-FON);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by the Government;
- (c) whether the Government will consider providing financial assistance to the State for the implementation of this project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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. A proposal has been received from the State of Kerala seeking central assistance for the project Kerala Fibre Optic Network (K-FON). The State Government's proposal is to set up K-FON, an overhead fibre optic network to extend fibre connectivity to every home and interconnect all the Government institutions.

BharatNet is to provide broadband connectivity to every Gram Panchayat (GP). All the GPs of Kerala have been connected by Broadband. The Union Cabinet approved a modified strategy for implementation of BharatNet project on 19.07.2017. Under the approved strategy, the States and the concerned Departments are to provide the funds for connecting institutions by broadband at GP level.

(c) & (d) In view of the modified strategy for implementation of BharatNet Project, K-FON proposal is not under consideration for providing financial assistance.

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