

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.640  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019**

**TELECOM INFRASTRUCTURE**

640. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the Government has spent Rs.60,000 crore between 2014 till June, 2018 on telecom infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the segment-wise amount spent during the above period;
- (c) whether it is also true that the Government has doubled mobile base transceiver stations from 7.9 lakh to 18 lakh and optical fibre cable laid from 7 lakh Km. to 14 lakh Km.; 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) Expenditure on telecom infrastructure is made by Government as well as service providers. Rs. 18355.56 Crore has been disbursed from 2014 till June 2018 under various USOF schemes to provide Telecom Infrastructure in rural and remote areas of the Country. The scheme wise details are as appended below:

**Details of disbursement of Funds under various USOF schemes from 2014  
to June 2018**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Schemes</b>	<b>Rs. in Crore</b>
1.	BharatNet	15696.97
2.	Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas	2266.76
3.	Shared Mobile Infrastructure Schemes	13.43
4.	Augmentation, Creation and Management of Optical Fiber Network	63.64
5.	Augmentation of Satellite Bandwidth	12.78
6.	Setting up of Wi-Fi Hotspot	301.98
7.	Total	18355.56

(c) & (d) The number of mobile base transceiver stations in the country has more than doubled from 7.9 Lakhs to 18.62 Lakhs during the period March 2014 to September 2018. During the same period, more than 3 Lakh Kms Optical Fibre cable (OFC) has been laid under the BharatNet project, and about 4 Lakh Kms OFC has been laid by the service providers, taking the total length of OFC in the country to more than 14 Lakh Kms.

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