GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1951
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD JULY, 2019

OPTICAL FIBRES

1951. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)   the total length of optical fibre laid down under Bharat-Net project, especially in rural areas, State/UT-wise; and

(b)   whether the Bharat Broadband Network has any significant Non-Performing Assets and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

(a)   BharatNet is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity at all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the country. As on 20.06.2019, a total of 3,40,085 km Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) has been laid connecting 1,29,760 Gram Panchayats (GPs) over OFC, of which 1,19,741 GPs have been made Service Ready. Further, 828 GPs have been made Service Ready over satellite media.
The State/UT-wise details of optical fibre, laid under BharatNet project, are given in **Annexure-I**.

(b)   BharatNet is under implementation and the infrastructure, being created under the project, is a national asset, which is accessible on a non-discriminatory basis to all the Service Providers.

Annexure referred to in reply of para (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1951 to be answered on 3rd July, 2019 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Ravneet Singh Bittu regarding Optical Fibres

State/UT-wise details of optical fibre laid, under BharatNet project

S. No.	State/UT	Optical Fibre Cable laid (km)
1	Andhra Pradesh	8906
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1519
3	Andaman & Nicobar	34
4	Assam	4810
5	Bihar	19581
6	Chandigarh	19
7	Chhattisgarh	13940
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	68
9	Daman & Diu	26
10	Gujarat	18456
11	Haryana	11977
12	Himachal Pradesh	723
13	Jammu & Kashmir	749
14	Jharkhand	7498
15	Karnataka	14010
16	Kerala	830
17	Lakshadweep	0
18	Madhya Pradesh	46400
19	Maharashtra	37449
20	Manipur	634
21	Meghalaya	950
22	Mizoram	689
23	Nagaland	1998
24	Odisha	12042
25	Puducherry	92
26	Punjab	17093
27	Rajasthan	28827
28	Sikkim	665
29	Tamil Nadu	0
30	Telangana	5369
31	Tripura	1683
32	Uttar Pradesh	71069
33	Uttarakhand	3595
34	West Bengal	8384
	Total	**340085**

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