

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.104  
ANSWERED ON 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023**

**OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE INFRASTRUCTURE ALONG NHs**

**\*104. SHRI B.B. PATIL:**

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop Optical Fibre Cable infrastructure along National Highways (NHs) in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether Hyderabad-Bengaluru NH has been selected as a pilot project for the purpose; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 104 ANSWERED ON 09.02.2023 ASKED BY SHRI B.B. PATIL REGARDING OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE INFRASTRUCTURE ALONG NHs.**

**(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Two pilot projects of laying Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) along Delhi - Mumbai Expressway and Hyderabad -Bangalore Highway, totaling to 1880 Kms have been taken up. Based on the experience and learning of these two-pilot projects and outcome of feasibility studies, a program of OFC laying for network of National Highway (both Greenfield and Brownfield) in the Country would be framed.**

**(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. OFC laying in Hyderabad - Bangalore section (512 kms) have been approved at a capital cost of Rs 156.38 cr. The work has been awarded on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022.**

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