

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3842
ANSWERED ON 23RD MARCH, 2023**

LAYING OF OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES ALONG NHS

3842. SHRIMATI SARMISHTHA SETHI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has started projects of laying Optical Fibre Cables (OFC) along National Highways (NHs) in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details of NHs identified for the purpose, State-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken the said project in Odisha; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) Yes, Madam. Two pilot projects of laying Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) along Delhi - Mumbai Expressway NE-4 in 1368 Km length in the States of Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat & Maharashtra and along Hyderabad -Bangalore Highway NH-44 in 512 Km length in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana & Karnataka, 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 (Greenfield and Brownfield) in the Country would be framed.
