

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4621  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**CROSS COUNTRY CABLES**

**4621. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Telecom companies have invested heavily in building crosscountry cables but there is a significantly lower development of infrastructure that connects the major cities across States; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the Government's reaction thereto?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS  
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

(a) & (b) Government as well as Telecom companies have laid optical fibre cable not only for cross country but also to strengthen urban and remote area connectivity. Major cities and towns across the States/ UTs are adequately connected. BharatNet Project is implemented in phase manner to provide fibre connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country. The scope of BharatNet project has been extended up to all inhabited villages beyond GPs in the country.

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