GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4765
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH MARCH, 2023

OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES

4765.   SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)   the details of the number of cities in Maharashtra which have been connected by Optical Fibre Cables (OFCs);

(b)   whether rural areas of Maharashtra are also being connected with OFC;

(c)   if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(d)   if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)

(a) to (d)   All cities of Maharashtra are connected by Optical Fibre Cable (OFC). BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to create network to connect all the Gram Panchayats (GPs)/ Villages with broadband in the country including Maharashtra. As on Feb 2023, Optical Fibre Cable connectivity has been provided in 23,824 GPs in 34 districts of Maharashtra. District-wise details of GPs in Maharashtra that have been connected (service ready) on Optical Fibre Cable is given in **Annexure-I.**

S. No.	District	No. of GPs planned on OFC (Ph-I + Ph-II)	No. of GPs service ready on OFC (Ph-I + Ph-II)
1	AHMEDNAGAR	1316	915
2	AKOLA	528	490
3	AMRAVATI	837	836
4	AURANGABAD	861	684
5	BEED	1018	1013
6	BHANDARA	535	535
7	BULDHANA	867	709
8	CHANDRAPUR	826	817
9	DHULE	539	539
10	GADCHIROLI	460	314
11	GONDIA	553	553
12	HINGOLI	563	550
13	JALGAON	1144	1094
14	JALNA	780	780
15	KOLHAPUR	1026	785
16	LATUR	788	775
17	NAGPUR	764	761
18	NANDED	1313	1006
19	NANDURBAR	586	586
20	NASHIK	1389	1032
21	OSMANABAD	621	621
22	PALGHAR	475	456
23	PARBHANI	704	619
24	PUNE	1385	1111
25	RAIGAD	795	792
26	RATNAGIRI	846	463
27	SANGLI	700	680
28	SATARA	1500	1014
29	SINDHUDURG	429	390
30	SOLAPUR	1025	748
31	THANE	430	51
32	WARDHA	519	507
33	WASHIM	491	481
34	YAVATMAL	1198	1117
35	GPs under reconciliation	0	0
	Total	**27811**	**23824**

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