

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3321
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH AUGUST, 2023**

OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES

3321. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of cities in Bihar which have been connected by Optical Fibre Cables (OFCs);
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to connect rural and remote parts of Bihar with Optical Fibre Cables;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the present status thereof; and
- (d) other measures being taken by the Government to create network to connect all the Gram Panchayats of Bihar on Optical Fibre Cables?

ANSWER

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

- (a) All the cities, including 38 district Headquarters (HQs) of Bihar are connected with Optical Fibre Connectivity.
- (b) to (d) BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country including state of Bihar. As on 30.06.2023, 8,328 number of Gram Panchayats (GPs) (8312 on Optical Fibre Cable and 16 on Satellite Media) out of 8,404 Gram Panchayats (GPs) have been connected in the state of Bihar.
