GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3316 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD MARCH, 2022

OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE NETWORK

3316. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH: SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the completion/pending details of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) network in the country since 2014 onwards till date; and
- (b) the funds sanctioned/spent therefor till now, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)

- (a) BharatNet project is implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country through an optimal mix of media (OFC/Radio/Satellite). Since 2014, out of about 7,40,706 km planned OFC, 5,67,941 km OFC has been laid, under the project as on 28.02.2022.
- (b) The State-wise total funds allocated/sanctioned/disbursed under BharatNet Project, including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, are given in **Annexure-I**.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in Part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3316 for answer on 23.03.2022

 ${\bf State/UT\ wise\ details\ of\ funds\ disbursed\ under\ BharatNet\ Project\ as\ on\ 31.12.2021\ (Figure\ in\ Rs.\ Crore)}$

| S. | State/ UT | Disbursed funds under | Disbursed funds |
|-----|---|-----------------------|-----------------|
| No. | | Phase-I | under Phase-II |
| 1 | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 17.19 | 0.00 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | 322.32 | 327.13 |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | 76.14 | 29.44 |
| 4 | Assam | 225.98 | 0.16 |
| 5 | Bihar | 680.41 | 670.45 |
| 6 | Chandigarh | 0.04 | 0.00 |
| 7 | Chhattisgarh | 673.98 | 1224.14 |
| 8 | Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu | 634.87 | 2266.00 |
| 9 | Haryana | 504.64 | 0.00 |
| 10 | Himachal Pradesh | 86.43 | 29.15 |
| 11 | Jammu & Kashmir | 86.03 | 68.42 |
| 12 | Jharkhand | 328.59 | 543.61 |
| 13 | Karnataka | 1023.89 | 5.87 |
| 14 | Kerala | 149.89 | 0.00 |
| 15 | Ladakh | 0.00 | 0.69 |
| 16 | Lakshadweep | 0.10 | 0.00 |
| 17 | Madhya Pradesh | 2079.06 | 1607.42 |
| 18 | Maharashtra | 2082.13 | 1698.58 |
| 19 | Manipur | 57.11 | 13.37 |
| 20 | Meghalaya | 82.93 | 10.56 |
| 21 | Mizoram | 62.21 | 4.31 |
| 22 | Nagaland | 91.73 | 0.62 |
| 23 | Odisha | 604.53 | 456.73 |
| 24 | Puducherry | 6.90 | 0.00 |
| 25 | Punjab | 555.48 | 524.50 |
| 26 | Rajasthan | 1296.48 | 68.67 |
| 27 | Sikkim | 15.34 | 65.05 |
| 28 | Tamil Nadu | 10.82 | 150.08 |
| 29 | Telangana | 264.20 | 632.04 |
| 30 | Tripura | 86.67 | 2.89 |
| 31 | Uttar Pradesh | 1990.29 | 2279.77 |
| 32 | Uttarakhand | 290.76 | 6.17 |
| 33 | West Bengal | 507.50 | 2.24 |
| | Total | 14894.65 | 12688.07 |
