

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 876
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.04.2016

NATIONAL OPTICAL FIBER NETWORK

876. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) details of progress made in implementation of National Optical Fiber Network (NOFN) in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) details of facilities being provided to people under the said scheme; and
- (c) time frame to cover all the Gram Panchayats under the scheme in Karnataka?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

- (a) National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) project, renamed as BharatNet, is being implemented by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to connect all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country through Optical Fibre Cable (OFC). The State/UT-wise progress of the project as stated by DoT is at Annexe.
- (b) & (c): The scheme envisions provision of 100 Mbps bandwidth in all the 2.5 lakh (approx) GPs of the country to enable delivery of various e-services like birth and death certificates, issue of licenses, tele-education, tele-health, etc., at the Panchayat level. The State Government of Karnataka has informed that as on April 22, 2016, BharatNet has been commissioned in 2903 GPs in Karnataka and OFC laying has been completed for 4411 GPs.

Annexe referred in reply to Part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 876 answered on 28.04.2016

State-wise status of NOFN (BharatNet) as on 31.01.2016

Sl. No.	States/ UTs	No. of Gram Panchayats (GPs)- Phase I	Pipe laid (kms.)	Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) laid (in kms)	No. of GPs where OFC laid	No. of GPs lit
1.	Jammu & Kashmir	624	93	69	47	0
2.	Himachal Pradesh	283	201	75	14	0
3.	Punjab	6128	4432	3280	2055	0
4.	Haryana	6090	4775	4340	2776	45
5.	Rajasthan	6967	11281	10065	3092	71
6.	Chandigarh	12	18	19	12	12
7.	Uttarakhand	1767	1190	862	554	46
8.	UP (West)	8040	8095	4290	2055	65
9.	UP (East)	14474	14634	10545	4764	36
10.	Bihar	5202	6416	5303	1936	124
11.	West Bengal	2713	1933	1683	619	0
12.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0
13.	Assam	1013	1751	1359	515	23
14.	Jharkhand	1388	2600	1862	770	84
15.	Odisha	3388	4086	2960	1355	12
16.	Andaman & Nicobar	69	0	0	0	0
17.	Arunachal Pradesh	256	272	69	10	0
18.	Nagaland	743	1160	509	154	0
19.	Manipur	24	71	73	24	0
20.	Meghalaya	638	737	210	47	0
21.	Tripura	1021	1277	951	434	40
22.	Mizoram	163	183	0	0	0
23.	Madhya Pradesh	10516	15531	12134	3898	26
24.	Chhattisgarh	2110	4368	3913	1258	171
25.	Gujarat	5735	5508	3572	1648	91
26.	Maharashtra	12055	11078	7826	3478	37
27.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0
29.	Karnataka	5599	9596	9248	4411 [#]	2903 [#]
30.	Andhra Pradesh	0	1913	19	0	0
31.	Telangana	2097	3912	2883	1296	5
32.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	0
33.	Kerala	977	746	810	Completed	Completed
34.	Puducherry	98	82	92	98	101
35.	Lakshadweep	10	0	0	0	0
36.	Goa*	0	-	-	-	-

[#] Data provided by the State Government as on April 22, 2016.

* All the GPs of Goa are already connected with Optical Fibre.