

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1666
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH JULY, 2016**

ANDHRA PRADESH FIBER NET

1666. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received a proposal sent by the Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding the Andhra Pradesh Fiber Net Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a)&(b) Government has received the proposal from Andhra Pradesh for establishing an Andhra Pradesh Fibre Grid on a collaborative model with the State taking complete ownership for the end-to-end design and execution of the project availing partial funding from Universal Service Obligation Fund(USOF) under National Optical Fibre Network(NOFN)/BharatNet project and undertaking to arrange the balance funding required. The project has been conceived in the context of various e-initiatives undertaken by the State and its vision to provide 10-15 Mbps broadband connections to 12 million homes at an affordable price. Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the project was submitted by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh in June 2015 seeking Capital Expenditure requirement of Rs. 3,590 Crore from Central Government.

(c) The proposal submitted by Government of Andhra Pradesh has been examined. No final decision has, however, been taken.
