

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2787
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 09.12.2016

DENSITY OF LAID FIBRE OPTIC CABLES

2787. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA:

Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the density of laid fibre optic cables is grossly inadequate when compared to international standards;
- (b) the details regarding the target set for achieving in terms of fibre optic cable density and the time-frame set by Government to achieve the same;
- (c) whether there are any plans in place for connecting the Andaman and Nicobar Islands as part of this project, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the funds allocated, disbursed and spent on this project over the last three years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY)

(a): Data regarding density of laid fibre optic cables is not maintained. However, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), as a onetime measure, had collected data in October, 2014 regarding Optical Fibre Cable(OFC) laid in the country, according to which total OFC route km. was 14,14,220. Further as per information available with TRAI, 4,08,814 route km. of OFC has been laid in the country since then.

(b): No target has been set for achieving fibre optic cable density.

(c) and (d): Do not arise.
