State Name	District name	Total
West Bengal	Kolkata	233
West Bengal	Malda	213
West Bengal	Medinipur	2
West Bengal	Murshidabad	226
West Bengal	Nadia	199
West Bengal	North 24 Parganas	626
West Bengal	Paschim Medinipur	317
West Bengal	Purulia	93
West Bengal	South DumDum(M)	1
West Bengal	South Twenty Four Parganas	368
West Bengal	Uttar Dinajpur	91
	GRAND TOTAL	4,930

Alternative network in place of NOFN

1493. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes an alternative Wi-Fi-based network with high speed internet in place of National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) to implement the Government rural broadband project;

(b) the reasons for replacing the NOFN; and

(c) the target and the time-frame for implementing the alternative Wi-Fi-based network to connect village panchayats in the country, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Gram Panchayats covered under NOFN

1494. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of implementation of National Optical Fibre Network