

Facilities under NOFN to Karnataka

2191. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress made in implementation of National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) in the country, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(b) the details of facilities being provided to people under the said scheme in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) State-wise status of National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) project, renamed as BharatNet, as on 30.07.2016, is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) BharatNet provides the middle mile connectivity from Block to Gram Panchayats to bridge the connectivity gap in rural areas. This connectivity is to be used by various service providers to deliver their services at Gram Panchayat (GP) level, on non-discriminatory basis. With the implementation of BharatNet, following services are being provided in Karnataka:

- (i) Broadband connectivity to 929 GPs has been provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in Karnataka.
- (ii) 94 Wi-Fi Hot-spots of BSNL are working in villages using BharatNet Network.

Statement*State-wise status of NOFN (BharatNet) as on 30.07.2016*

Sl. No.	State/UT	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	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Assam	1013	2014	1904	728	156
2.	Bihar	5202	8049	6996	2627	215
3.	Chhattisgarh	2110	5244	5036	1717	664
4.	Haryana	6090	5771	5626	3542	168
5.	Jammu and Kashmir	624	253	240	103	0
6.	Karnataka	5599	10313	10650	5215	3215
7.	Kerala	977	720	826	1129	1129
8.	Madhya Pradesh	10516	20733	18601	6428	193

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9.	Maharashtra	12055	16272	13637	6034	304
10.	Punjab	6128	5693	5322	4240	0
11.	Rajasthan	6967	14722	13956	4307	353
12.	UP (East)	14474	20129	15349	6816	158
13.	UP (West)	8040	11280	7343	3331	132
14.	Uttarakhand	1767	1849	1473	826	184
15.	West Bengal	2713	2548	2407	812	7
16.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	69	0	0	0	0
17.	Chandigarh	12	18	19	12	12
18.	Arunachal Pradesh	256	644	101	22	0
19.	Nagaland	743	2063	801	182	0
20.	Manipur	24	71	73	24	0
21.	Mizoram	163	448	110	0	0
22.	Tripura	1021	1514	1322	593	79
23.	Meghalaya	638	1086	266	76	0
24.	Gujarat	5735	7169	5520	2512	139
25.	Puducherry	98	82	92	98	101
26.	Andhra Pradesh	0	1913	19	0	0
27.	Telangana	2097	4191	3734	1714	106
28.	Odisha	3388	5396	4547	1877	122
29.	Jharkhand	1388	2916	2714	1105	170
30.	Himachal Pradesh	283	239	129	47	0
31.	Daman and Diu	0	0	0	0	0
32.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0
33.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0
34.	Lakshadweep	10	0	0	0	0
35.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	0
36.	Goa*	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL		100200	153340	128813	56117	7607

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