

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4813

ANSWERED ON:19.12.2002

RAIL - TEL

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the capacity created by Rail Tel till date, State-wise;
- (b) the expenditure incurred by the Railways on laying of Optical Fibre Cable, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the capacity utilised by Railways itself;
- (d) the details of the surplus capacity marketed by the Rail Tel, State-wise; and
- (e) the profit earned by the Rail Tel therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4813 BY SHRI ASHOK MOHOL, SHRI RAMSHETH THAKUR AND SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK, BEING ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.12.2002 REGARDING RAILTEL.

(a) Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) network, has been commissioned so far by Railways, including RailTel, on 9526 Route Kms. Details of the same are being maintained Zonal Railway wise and are as under:

S.No	Railway	Route Kms.
1.	Central Railway	1444
2.	Eastern Railway	888
3.	Northern Railway	906
4.	North East Railway	23
5.	Northeast Frontier Railway	492
6.	Southern Railway	980
7	South Eastern Railway	3024
8.	Western Railway	849
9.	Konkan Railway	920
Total		9526

(b) The OFC network on Indian Railways has been commissioned on different sections over a long period of time with costing applicable at the time of commissioning. OFC network has been laid as part of other works and also with other items of work like

laying of Quad Cable etc. Separate expenditure on OFC network alone is not maintained.

(c) Railways are normally utilising part of the capacity in 4 Fibres for its own use.

(d)) State wise details of the surplus capacity marketed by RailTel is as under:

Capacity Marketed

S.No	State Towers (nos.)	Space on (2 MBPS) #	Bandwidth
1.	Andhra Pradesh	16	6
2.	Tamil Nadu		11
3.	Maharashtra	5	20
4.	Gujarat		11
Total		21	48

MBPS : Mega Bit per Second

(e) During the financial year 2001-02, Rail-Tel has earned Rs.45 Lacs from marketing of surplus Bandwidth in OFC network and from leasing of surplus capacity on microwave towers for mounting antennas. However, there has been no profit for RailTel during this period.