

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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UNDERGROUND CABLE IN BIHAR
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether telephone cables for laying underground cables in Bihar are in short supply;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the details of the held up cable laying work in various districts of Bihar;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to tackle this situation; and
- (e) the time by which the cable laying work in Bihar is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI , PRADHAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) In the year 2002-03 there was short supply due to partial acceptance of Advance Purchase Orders by vendors.
- (c) Cable laying work is not held up any where but the progress of laying is slow due to availability of Underground Cable in limited quantity.
- (d) Fresh tender for procurement of Underground Cable is in process.
- (e) Cable laying work is a continuous process and is likely to pick up with the availability of Cable.