

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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OPTICAL FIBRE BANDWIDTH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to increase optical fibre bandwidth in view of the increasing number of Internet subscribers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Department of Telecom Services(DTS) is executing a plan to provide bandwidth on demand upto almost all the District Headquarters by March, 2001 subject to availability of resources. DTS has already commissioned 14,000 Route Kms of 2.5 Gigabits per second(Gbps) capacity synchronous Digital Hierarchy(SDH) optical fibre network, and is in the process of commissioning another 39,000 Kms of 2.5 Gbps capacity SDH Network by March 2001 subject to timely availability of materials.

VSNL is already having about 310 Megabits per second (Mbps) international bandwidth for Internet and is taking steps to procure another 500 Mbps shortly.

(c) Question does not arise in view of (b) above.