

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE IN TELEPHONE EXCHANGES .
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether all the telephone exchanges in the country have Optical Fibre Cable (OFC);
- (b) If so, the details thereof, State-wise, location-wise;
- (c) If not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) The time by which it is likely to be provided?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (d) Sir, all the 337 telephone exchanges of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) in Delhi and 193 exchanges in Mumbai are interconnected with Optical Fibre Cable. As regards Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), 94.8% of the telephone exchanges are having Optical Fibre Connectivity as on 30.6.2007. The details are given in the Annexure. Balance exchanges are working on other reliable media. Optical Fibre Connectivity to these balance exchanges are techno-commercially non-viable.