

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NEW COMMUNICATION NETWORK FOR DEFENCE FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether a new communication network has been developed for the Defence Forces as reported in The Hindustan Times dated September 15, 2006;
- (b) If so, the facts and the salient features thereof; and
- (c) The estimated expenditure incurred on such communication network ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) Yes, Sir. An Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) based communication network has been planned for Defence Forces. The Network has not been completed as yet and the work is under progress.
- (b) The salient features of the proposed network are:-
 - (i) It will provide link of sufficient capacity between Defence Point of Presence (PoP) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) PoP.
 - (ii) Satellite and Radio based redundancy to operationally critical locations. The project is being executed by BSNL/MTNL based on the orders by the Services.
- (c) As per Project Definition Team Report, the estimated cost of the Project would be approximately Rs.3051 crore.