

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ADDITIONAL SPECTRUM TO CELL OPERATORS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have constituted a Committee to look into the demands of Cellular operators regarding allocation of Additional Spectrum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the guidelines to be followed by this Committee;
- (d) the specific demands of Cellular operators in this regard; and
- (e) by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Considering the demand of Cellular operators for additional spectrum to meet the subscriber growth, the Government have constituted a Committee in the end January, 2003, including representatives from Cellular Service Providers Association, among others. The Committee is examining in detail, the current utilization of assigned spectrum and network design practices followed by various Cellular Operators from the point of view of optimal spectrum utilization as well as its comparison with internationally used norms and practices. The report of the Committee is likely to be submitted shortly.