

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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USE OF SCARE SPECTRUM  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the GSM operators are not using the scare spectrum efficiently;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith action taken by the Government against GSM operators;
- (c) whether the latest Calculation of Efficiency (CoE) of GSM and CDMA operators derived on the basis of subscribers and MHz; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(d) The initial spectrum is being allotted to the GSM operators in accordance with the relevant provisions of their respective Service License Agreements.

Further, in order to ensure optimal and efficient use of allotted spectrum, necessary criteria for allotment of additional spectrum beyond the initial allotment, had been worked out. The existing criteria prescribe "Active Subscribers" and "Peak traffic" averaged over a month in the Visitor Locator Register (VLR) and Network Management System (NMS) respectively, as criteria for allotment of additional spectrum.