

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOTMENT OF SPECTRUM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are differences between the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology over the issue of vacating the spectrum and an inter-ministerial group has been constituted to settle the said differences;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to get the Defence Section Spectrum vacated and allot it to the private sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the requirements and conditions of Defence Department have been fulfilled;' and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

- (a) & (b) No, Sir.The Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted for vacation of spectrum and raising resources,in its first meeting held in 2007, among others, decided to setup a committee under National Security Adviser for speedy release/vacation of spectrum.
- (c) & (d) Yes, Sir.The details will be worked out on getting the spectrum vacated from Defence.
- (e) & (f) The communication requirement of Defence will be fulfilled by providing Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) network. The work of laying the OFC network for Indian Air Force (IAF) is in progress.