

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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RELEASE OF SPECTRUM
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry has received any proposal from the Department of Telecommunications for release of spectrum currently held by the Defence forces;
- (b) if so, the response of his Ministry in this regard;
- (c) whether the release of the spectrum so proposed will impact future defence communication expansion; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. An MoU was signed between the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and Ministry of Communications & Information Technology (MoC&IT) on 22nd May 2009 for release of spectrum.
- (c) & (d): In view of the provision in MoU to provide an exclusive Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) network, release of spectrum is not expected to impact future defence communication expansion.