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WIRELESS BROADBAND PROJECT .

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

- (a) whether the Government has invited bids for WiMAX Rural Tender Project-II, a wireless broadband project in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the bidders;
- (c) whether the Government has finalized the contract;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether one of the bidders came under the scanner of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI); and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a) & (b) Madam, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has invited bids for WiMAX Rural Tender Project-II in June, 2009. The list of bidders are as follows:

1. M/s Gemini Communications, Chennai.
2. M/s ZTE Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon
3. M/s Icomm Tele Limited, Hyderabad
4. M/s Vipula, MCL, Secundrabad
5. M/s SPANCO, Gurgaon
6. M/s TCIL, New Delhi
7. M/s Huawei Telecommunications (I) Co. Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon
8. M/s Aster Communications (Run-Com)

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. BSNL has finalized the decision for issue of Advance Purchase Order(APO) to top 3 bidders namely M/s Gemini Communications, M/s ZTE Pvt. Ltd. and M/s ICOMM Tele.

(e) & (f) Yes, Madam. It has come to notice that L-4 bidder i.e. M/s Vuppalamritha Magnetic Components Ltd. (M/s VMCL) has been served a DRI notice, therefore, M/s VMCL has not been issued APO due to this reason.