

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:203

ANSWERED ON:09.08.2010

3G SPECTRUM

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to launch 3G Spectrum all over the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented throughout the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 203 FOR 9TH AUGUST, 2010 REGARDING "3G SPECTRUM"

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. 3G spectrum has been auctioned for all over the country. Auction was completed on May 19, 2010. Three slots each of 5+5 MHz of 3G spectrum in 17 telecom circles and four slots in 5 telecom circles have been auctioned to successful bidders. In addition one slot of 5+5MHz was allotted to BSNL/MTNL on payment of highest bid amount. A detailed circle-wise, successful bidders and amount paid is given in the Annexure.

(c) MTNL has already launched 3G services in both the cities (Delhi & Mumbai) and BSNL has launched 3G services in 463 cities. The private operators are permitted to launch their commercial services from September 01, 2010.