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AUCTION OF 3G AND WIMAX SPECTRUM

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

- (a) whether the Government has auctioned 3G and Wimax spectrum;
- (b) if so, the revenue earned as a result of the auction separately by 3G and Wimax;
- (c) the details of the bidders who have already started 3G services in the country, company-wise and circle-wise;
- (d) whether any bidder has been allotted all India license for 3G service;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the price of 3G spectrum is considered very high in comparison to expected return on investment; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

- (a) Government has auctioned 3G and Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) spectrum.
- (b) The revenue earned as a result of auction of 3G and BWA spectrum is Rs. 67,718.95 crores and Rs. 38,543.31 crores respectively.
- (c) The details of the successful 3G bidders who have already started services in the country, circle-wise is enclosed as Annexure-I.
- (d) & (e) No Madam. 3G spectrum has been auctioned through a controlled, simultaneous, ascending e-auction. However, BSNL has been assigned 3G spectrum for providing services in all the service areas except Mumbai and Delhi Metro service areas.
- (f) & (g) The Government has not conducted any study regarding price of 3G spectrum versus expected return on investment.