

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION OF RADIO FREQUENCY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether allocating radio frequencies for Third-Generation (3-G), additional spectrum for existing Second-Generation (2-G) services etc., are obvious priority tasks in telecom sector;
- (b) if so, the details of the benefits likely to be derived therefrom;
- (c) whether the Government has sufficient capacity to monitor India's communications network, civilian as well as Defence, to ensure security of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the manner in which the Government intends to help the telecom sector to become pro-people?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. With the rapid growth of mobile telephone subscribers, the demand on spectrum is growing. The 2G/3G spectrum allocated are expected to fuel the growth of mobile telecom services.
- (c) & (d) Department of Telecom has facilities to continuously monitor the radio communication networks. In addition, as per license terms and conditions, Service Providers are mandated to provide all monitoring equipments at their end, and the services are to be commissioned only after the Monitoring facilities are inspected/tested to the satisfaction of Security Agencies.
- (e) The Government has liberalized the telecom service sector, resulting in telecom sector becoming pro-people.