

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to release some 5 MHz of Second-Generation (2-G) spectrum for commercial purposes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to allot the above spectrum for commercial use;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there will be any significant impact either on the industry or consumer since the marginally release of 2-G spectrum; 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) Sir, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between Ministry of Communications & IT and Ministry of Defence (MOD) for Vacation of Spectrum. MOD will release 2G spectrum in a phased manner in a span of 3 Years from the date of signing of the MOU. This includes release of 5 MHz immediately on signing of MOU.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) This spectrum will be allocated as per the guidelines and orders in force for 2G mobile telecom service.
- (e) & (f) The allotment of 2G spectrum so released will fuel the growth of mobile telecom services which will have impact on the industry and consumers.