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NATIONAL FREQUENCY ALLOCATION PLAN, 2011

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

- (a) whether the Government has released the National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP), 2011;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith its salient features;
- (c) the extent to which the management of spectrum is likely to be streamlined after the implementation of NFAP-2011 in the country;
- (d) whether revenue generation of the Government is likely to increase on implementation of the said plan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a)to(e) NFAP -2011 has been released on 30 September 2011 and is effective from 1.10.2011. NFAP-2011 is a policy document for spectrum managers, wireless users and manufacturers in the country and will provide the optimal utilization of radiofrequency spectrum for various services/applications as spectrum being the natural resource. The NFAP gives confidence to the industry for development of equipment/technology in India and also for prospective service providers to submit their proposals for new services. The salient features of NFAP-2011 are:

- (i) In line with the decisions of World radiocommunication Conference 2007 (WRC-07) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) contained in Radio Regulations (Edition 2008).
- (ii) In order to cater to newly emerging technologies such as Ultra Wide Band (UWB), Intelligent Transport System (ITS), Short Range Devices, etc.
- (iii) To ensure equitable and optimum utilization of the scarce limited natural resource of radio frequency spectrum.
- (iv) Enabling of some bandwidth in few frequency bands of indigenous development/IPR and Manufacturing.
- (v) To ensure protection of existing services. National Frequency Plan (NFAP-2011) enables provisions for variety of applications of radiocommunication service in the different frequency bands taking into consideration the requirements projected by various stakeholders and decisions of World Radio communication Conference-2007 of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) so that various services/applications can work in an interference free environment.