GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1074 ANSWERED ON:13.07.2009 ALLOCATION OF SPECTRUM M.Thambidurai Dr. ;Sharma Shri Jagdish;Singh Shri Rajiv Ranjan (Lalan)

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

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment about the likely impact of the proposed increase in basic reserve price for the auction of Third Generation (3G) Spectrum;

(b) if so, the likely impact of this increase on the Government, operators and telecom subscribers;

(c) whether the issues related to Second Generation (2G) spectrum have been put on hold till the auction of 3G spectrum;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the revenue loss to the Union Government in this regard; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be resolved?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Government has yet to fix the reserve price, hence question of assessment of impact does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e) Do not arise in view of (c) above.