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LOK SABHA**

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TRAI RECOMMENDATION ON SPECTRUM PRICING

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

- (a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has recommended for a manifold increase in the floor base price/reserve price of spectrum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the major recommendations of TRAI in this regard and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the details of revenue likely to be generated after implementation of TRAI's recommendations regarding hike in 2G spectrum price;
- (d) whether the implementation of these recommendations are likely to increase mobile tariff and hit hard the telecom operators and the subscribers as well and if so, the details thereof including the extent of likely tariff hike;
- (e) whether some telecom operators have represented to the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken to ensure that the hike in mobile tariff is avoided/kept to minimum and the consumer interests are not adversely affected due to proposed increase in spectrum prices?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) In India, no auction of spectrum in the 2G bands in 800/900/1800 MHz has been taken place till date. Therefore, no reserve price for 2G spectrum is presently available. However, TRAI in its Recommendations on 'Auction of Spectrum' dated 23.04.2012 had recommended the reserve prices for the spectrum in different frequency bands. The details of the reserve price recommended by TRAI is given in Annexure-I.

(c) to (f) These Recommendations are under consideration of Government.

(e) Yes Madam. Telecom operators have represented on TRAI Recommendation dated 23.04.2012 pertaining to the various issues like reserve price, spectrum usage charges, quantum of spectrum to be auctioned, refarming of spectrum and impact on tariff etc.

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