

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:9  
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VACATION OF SPECTRUM  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is working on vacation of spectrum and its auction including 3G spectrum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the progress made in this regard so far to ensure transparency?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Group of Ministers (GoM) on "Vacation of Spectrum and Raising Resources for the Purpose" was constituted on 22.06.2007. As per decision of GOM dated 06.02.2009 a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Ministry of Communications & IT and Ministry of Defence on 22.5.2009 in connection with release of spectrum for 2G and 3G services in the frequency bands 1710-1785/1805-1880 MHz and 1920-1980 MHz respectively. As per MoU, Ministry of Defence has released the spectrum for 10+10 MHz spectrum for 2G and 20 MHz spectrum for 3G bands. Auction of spectrum for 3G has been completed in 2010.

An Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) constituted on vacation of spectrum and auction of 3G spectrum has decided vacation of spectrum in other frequency bands.