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COMMITTEE FOR ALLOCATION OF 2-G SPECTRUM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any Committee has been constituted for allocation of Second-Generation (2-G) spectrum to provide access to service providers and to fix its pricing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the main recommendations; and
- (c) the time by which these recommendations are likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) On 16.06.2008, Government constituted a Committee for 'Allocation of Access {GSM (Global System for Mobile Communications)/CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access)} Spectrum and Pricing'. The Committee has submitted its Report on 13th May 2009. The salient points of the recommendations of the Committee are given in the Annexure.

(c) The recommendations of the Committee have wider implications on Telecom Sector and to public at large. Therefore, on 7th July 2009, Government has sought the recommendations of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on the recommendations/comments of the Report of the Committee. Being a policy matter, no time frame can be fixed.