

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:180

ANSWERED ON:05.12.2012

AUCTION OF SPECTRUM

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

- (a) whether only five companies participated in GSM spectrum auction and there was no bidder for CDMA;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor including the estimated loss as a result thereof;
- (c) the manner in which the price of CDMA spectrum is fixed by the Government; and
- (d) the manner in which the Government proposes to make use of the available 800 MHz spectrum in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 180 FOR 5TH DECEMBER, 2012 REGARDING "AUCTION OF SPECTRUM"

- (a) Five companies participated in 1800MHz band spectrum auction. There was no bidder for 800MHz band spectrum auction.
- (b) Five companies which participated in 1800MHz band auction are:
 - (i) Bharti Airtel Limited.
 - (ii) Idea Cellular Limited
 - (iii) Vodafone South Limited
 - (iv) Videocon Telecommunications Limited.
 - (v) Telewings Communications Services Private Limited.
- (c) No decision has been taken as yet regarding price of CDMA spectrum in the absence of auction determined price.
- (d) No decision has been taken as yet to make use of the available 800MHz spectrum.