GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1572 ANSWERED ON:06.03.2013 EXCESS SPECTRUM

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

- (a) whether the Government has finalised and implemented the decision on charges for excess spectrum beyond contractual limit;
- (b) if so, the complete details thereof;
- (c) the names of companies who have been in possession of excess spectrum, company-wise;
- (d) the detail of excess spectrum charges recovered or likely to be recovered from the companies holding excess spectrum, company-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to recover the charges for excess spectrum and the action taken against the operators for not paying the charges?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Necessary order has been issued on 28.12.2012. A copy of the order is enclosed at Annexure.
- (c) & (d) The demand on account of onetime spectrum charges have been raised against the licensees in respect of GSM spectrum. The company wise details of demand on account of onetime spectrum charges is as under:

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S1. No. Name of Licensee Amount in crores
1. M/s. BSNL 6911.86
2. M/s. MTNL 3205.71
3. M/s. Bharti Airtel Ltd. 5201.24
4. M/s. Air Cell Ltd. 1351.51
5. M/s. BPL Loop Mobile Ltd. 606.72
6. M/s. Dishnet 14.25
7 M/s. IDEA Cellular Ltd. 1882.00
8. M/s. RTL 173.47
9. M/s. Spice Communications 231.50
10. M/s. Vodafone Ltd. 3599.40
Total 23177.66
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(e) The matter is subjudice.