GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2742 ANSWERED ON:13.03.2013 UNDER REPORTING OF REVENUE BY TELECOM OPERATORS Jeyadural Shri S. R.

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted a special audit of accounts of telecom companies and has found that some of the telecom operators including Vodafone India has been resorting to fudging of accounts and under-reporting of gross revenues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, telecom operator-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has sent any notices to these operators in this regard and imposed penalties on them;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the name of telecom operators who have paid the amount; and
- (e) the action taken or proposed to be taken against telecom operators who have failed to pay the amount?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Special Audit of five major private Telecom Group companies including the Vodafone Group has been conducted for the Financial Years 2006-07 and 2007-08. The details are enclosed in Annexure -A.
- (c) to (e) The Government has sent Show Cause Notice/Demand Notice to all the aforesaid licencees. The notices include interest as per the Terms & Conditions of the Licence Agreement. The demands raised on account of Special Audit have been stayed by Kerala High Court/Telecom Disputes Settlement Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT)/Chennai High Court.