

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RELEASE OF DEFENCE SPECTRUM

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a proposal from Finance Ministry to swap spectrum in the 1,900 MHz band with airwaves 2100 MHz frequency is under examination;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the swap deal will open up additional 2x20 MHz of the higher frequency spectrum and help the Government mop up about \$8 billion through the auction of four slots; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): A proposal from Ministry of Communications & Information Technology (MoC&IT) to swap 15 MHz of 3G (2100 MHz band) spectrum with an equivalent 15 MHz of Evolution Data Optimized (EVDO) spectrum in 1900 MHz band has been received in Ministry of Defence (MoD).
- (c) & (d): The proposal is only for exchange of 15 MHz of 3G spectrum with 15 MHz of EVDO spectrum. The financial implication of the proposal on revenue receipt has not been worked out.