GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:973 ANSWERED ON:11.12.2013 REFUND OF SPECTRUM COST Krishnaswamy Shri M.;Ponnam Shri Prabhakar

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

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision on refunding of difference in spectrum cost to telecom operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the present status in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Set off has been provided to the following telecom operators who participated and won spectrum in the auction held during November, 2012 and March, 2013. Set off is not in the nature of refund as it was allowed only in case of participation and winning of spectrum in the auctions.

Sl. No. Name of Company Set off Amount
 (Rs. in Crores)
1 M/s Telewings Communication Services Pvt. Ltd.(TCSPL) 1658.57

- 2 M/s Videocon Telecommunication Ltd. (VTL) 1506.82
- 3 M/s Sistema Shyam Teleservices Lts. (SSTL) 1626.32

4 M/s idea Cellular Ltd. 684.59

(c) Does not arise, in view of (a) & (b) above.