GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2795 ANSWERED ON:07.12.2009 COMMITTEE FOR SPECTRUM PRICING Swamy Shri Janardhana

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

(a) whether the Government has proposed to set up a Committee to work out the pricing for sale of spectrum in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the role of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has been assigned in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a) to (d) On 16.06.2008, Government constituted a Committee for 'Allocation of Access {GSM(Global System for Mobile communications)/ CDMA(Code Division Multiple Access)} Spectrum and Pricing'. The Committee has submitted its Report on 13th May 2009. The salient points of the recommendations of the Committee are given in the annexure..

The recommendations of the Committee have wider implications on Telecom Sector and to public at large. Therefore, on 7th July 2009, Government has sought the recommendations of Telecom regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on the recommendations/comments of the Report of the Committee.