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

- (a) whether the Department of Telecom has conducted a pre-bid conference for auction of 3G spectrum in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of foreign telecom companies, which were invited but did not participate in the conference alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (d) the response of the domestic telecom service providers in this regard; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to resolve the concerns of both foreign and domestic telecom companies?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c) Yes, Madam. The pre-bid conference was held on 16/11/2009 in order to reply to the queries of the prospective 3G and BWA spectrum auction participants including foreign and domestic players. No foreign companies were specifically invited for the pre-bid conference.
- (d) Response of domestic telecom service providers was reasonably good.
- (e) The queries of all the companies who participated in the conference were clarified. The Notice Inviting Application (NIA) shall address all the concerns expressed during the pre-bid conference.