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SPECTRUM AUCTION

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to hold next round of spectrum auctions both for 3G and 2G;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the bands of spectrum proposed to be auctioned along with the base reserve price of each band;
- (c) whether the Government has sufficient spectrum for the auction and the Ministry of Defence has surrendered the surplus spectrum for the auction;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the next auction is proposed to be held along with the revenue likely to be generated out of it?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b) The next Spectrum Auction is scheduled to start in March 2015. The details of the Auction are as given under:-

Band	Quantum of Spectrum on offer (MHz)	Reserve price per MHz for the Service Areas in which spectrum has been put on offer (In Rs. Crores)
2100 MHz	85 MHz in 2100 MHz band	3511 (for 17 Service Areas#)
1800 MHz	99.2 MHz in 1800 MHz band	1425 (for 15 Service Areas#)
900 MHz	177.8 MHz in 900 MHz band	3399 (for 17 Service Areas#)
800 MHz	103.75 MHz in 800 MHz band	3423 (for 20 Service Areas#)

#Note- The details of Service Areas, in which spectrum is on offer, in each of the bands, is placed as Annexure.

(c) & (d) Ministry of Defence has released 5 MHz spectrum in 2100 MHz band on 28.01.2015 and the same has been included in the spectrum on offer in auction, scheduled to start on 04.03.2015.

(e) Auction process will commence on 04th March, 2015 and the revenue from the same would depend upon response of bidders.