

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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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 Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has made any recommendations to cut in the minimum price of airwaves for upcoming mobile spectrum auctions in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the recommendations made in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which the auction is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in its Recommendations dated 22nd February 2014 on 'Reserve Price for Auction of Spectrum in the 800 MHz Band' has recommended the reserve price for spectrum in the 800 MHz band only. As per the TRAI recommendations, the pan-India reserve price per MHz spectrum in 800 MHz band is Rs. 2685 crore, which works out to a pan-India reserve price of Rs. 13,425 crore for 5 MHz spectrum in 800 MHz band, this compares with the reserve price fixed for auction of spectrum in 800 MHz band during auction held in March 2013 of Rs. 9100 crores pan-India for 5 MHz; and the reserve price fixed for auction of spectrum in 800 MHz band during auction held in November 2012 of Rs. 18,200 crores pan-India for 5 MHz.

Reference has been sent to TRAI for recommendation on reserve price of 1800 and 900 MHz bands.

(c) Auction of spectrum in 800 MHz, 900 MHz & 1800 MHz bands is planned in the current Financial Year i.e. 2014-15.