

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 383
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2018)**

AUCTIONING OF TV CHANNELS

**383. SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:**

Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had proposed auctioning of TV channels as done in the case of FM Radio channels and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Broadcasters had opposed the proposal put forth by the Government and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has solicited the recommendations of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on the issue of auctioning TV channels, as in the case of FM Sector;
- (d) if so, whether TRAI has given its recommendations and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government to the recommendations made by TRAI?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING {COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}

(a) to (e): Government solicited recommendation of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) vide letter dated 21.08.2017 on various issues relating to broadcasting including the issue of auctioning of TV channels, as in the case of FM Sector.

TRAI has furnished its recommendations on 25.06.2018 which are under consideration of this Ministry. They are also available on the TRAI website i.e. www.trai.gov.in.
