

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government provided partial support of Rs.190 lakhs for development of 'Aayusoft' software to CDAC.

(c) C-DAC has spent about Rs.230 lakhs so far.

(d) 'Aayusoft' is a decision support system primarily meant for use by Physicians or Research Institutes with Out Patient Departments, and not by common people.

#### **Expansion of telecom services**

591 SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSNL tenders for expansion of telecom services, relating to 2-G and 3-G, in various zones have been in the process of finalization for award of contract of successful bidders;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including bidders short-listed, if any, for award of contracts, zone-wise, indicating their antecedents especially if anyone was blacklisted in any country;

(c) whether Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) have expressed serious concern about the prospects of contracts covering sensitive zones going to Chinese bidders;

(d) if so, the nature of concern expressed by MHA; and

(e) the response of BSNL thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The tenders for procurement of 93 million lines for GSM equipment were floated by the four zones of BSNL on 01.05.2008. The tenders were further divided into four parts as detailed below:

(i) Part I for 2G elements, Core and VAS elements

(ii) Part II for 3G elements

(iii) Part III for infrastructure items

(iv) Part IV for operation and billing sub-systems.

Bids are still under evaluation and no award of contract has been done. For Part I and Part II, details are given in the Statement (*See* below). The bidders for Part III and Part IV are of Indian origin.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Home Affairs/Intelligence Bureau have raised concern over the presence of foreign companies, especially from certain countries in the critical and sensitive border areas, that may have national security implications. Accordingly, a security guideline was issued to BSNL.

(e) In compliance to the guidelines issued by Department of Telecom, the financial bids of M/s Huawei have not been opened by BSNL in West and East Zones.

**Statement**

*Details of Bidders for Part I and Part II*

Zone/Part	Techno commercially eligible bidders		Bidders whose financial bids were opened	
	Part I	Part II	Part	Part II
North Zone	M/s Ericsson India Private Ltd.	M/s Ericsson India Private Ltd.	M/s Ericsson India Private Ltd.	M/s Ericsson India Private Ltd.
West Zone	M/s Huawei Telecom. (India) Co. Pvt. Ltd.	M/s Huawei Telecom. (India) Co. Pvt. Ltd.	None	None
South Zone	M/s Huawei Telecom. (India) Co. Pvt. Ltd.	M/s Huawei Telecom. (India) Co. Pvt. Ltd.	M/s Huawei Telecom. (India) Co. Pvt. Ltd.	M/s Huawei Telecom. (India) Co. Pvt. Ltd.
East Zone	M/s Ericsson India Private Ltd. and M/s Huawei Telecom. (India) Co. Pvt. Ltd.	M/s Ericsson India Private Ltd. and M/s Huawei Telecom. (India) Co. Pvt. Ltd.	M/s Ericsson India Private Ltd.	M/s Ericsson India Private Ltd.

**3G Spectrum**

592. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 3G Spectrum technology is going to be started in India shortly;
- (b) if so, the salient features of this technology; and
- (c) how much revenue Government is going to get?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The 3G (3rd generation) mobile telecommunications is the generic name for the next generation of mobile networks that will combine wireless mobile technology with high data rate transmission capabilities. The 3G networks shall be capable of providing higher data rates upto 2 Mbps and shall be capable of supporting a variety of services such as high-resolution video and multi media services in addition to voice, fax and conventional data services.

(c) Revenue to the Government can not be assessed since the auction of 3G Spectrum is yet to take place.