

(b) and (c) The company paid the initial technology fee to SAMEER as per the signed agreement. However, at the time of placement of prototype order on the above company, the user agency, *i.e.* DRDL changed some technical specifications for the Radio modem. The company requested SAMEER to supply this item as per the changed specification which was not possible for SAMEER in the required time frame. The company made their own solution and supplied the prototype units to DRDL successfully. Due to this, they did not fulfill the remaining terms and conditions of the agreement signed with SAMEER.

DRDL has placed further production order on the company for this item.

Poor Dolphin connectivity in Vasant Vihar

2157. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government servants/officers/Parliament officials/CBI officials using Dolphin connections in Vasant Vihar area of South Delhi;

(b) whether the connectivity of Dolphin mobile service of MTNL is very poor in South Delhi particularly in Vasant Vihar near Priya Cinema and CBI/CGH Complex (Parliament Pool) and JNU area for the last six months;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by MTNL to improve the mobile signal quality in these areas, immediately;

(d) by when the situation is likely to improve; and

(e) the reasons for inflated bills, irrespective of the poor services by Dolphin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) Locality-wise/category-wise data is not maintained in the system. However, approximately, 605 Government servants may be using Dolphin connections in Vasant Vihar area of South Delhi.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. Connectivity of Dolphin mobile services of MTNL in JNU area is very good. However, in Vasant Vihar area, coverage has been affected due to sealing of Tower near Priya Cinema by Municipal Corporation of Delhi. Case has been taken with MCD to resolve the matter at the earliest to improve the services in this area.

(e) No such case has come to notice.

2G services

2158. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allotment of spectrum for 2G services were made to several entrepreneurs who were not mobile telecom service providers at that point;

(b) if so, the rationale therefor;

(c) whether Government had although contemplated completion of allotment of spectrum for 3G services through auction by January, 2009;

(d) if so, the reasons for failure of adhering to the said time-frame;

(e) the details of revised time-frame decided for it indicating the volume estimated to be mopped up by Government in the proposed action; and

(f) the rationale behind the estimation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The spectrum for 2G services has been allotted to those who obtained Unified Access Service License (UASL) only.

(c) and (d) EGOM on "Auction of 3G spectrum" had several meetings on 31st July 2009, 27th August 2009, 19th November 2009, 21st December 2009 and 12th January 2010 and decided for auction of 3G spectrum. There have been some issues about availability of 3G spectrum for auction in different service areas causing delay in finalizing number of 3G slots to be auctioned. The Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) was therefore released on 25th February 2010 only.

(e) and (f) As per the time table given in the Notice Inviting Applications (NIA), the 3G Auction has started on 9th April 2010. The estimated revenue from 3G spectrum auction is around Rs. 14,330 crores based on reserve price. This is based on auction of 3 blocks in 17 service areas and 4 blocks in 5 service areas in additions to one block assigned to MTNL/BSNL.

Number portability

2159. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in implementation of number portability;

(b) the hurdles the Telecom Engineering Centre is facing to carry out number portability testing to ensure correct call routing;

(c) whether it is a fact that to implement the number portability all service providers have to be MNP-ready; and

(d) if so, in what manner the Ministry is planning to implement it at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT) : (a) Sir, The whole network in the country are to be ready and tested before the Mobile Number Portability (MNP) Service is implemented. Various activities are required to be carried out by the operators including technical augmentation and upgradation of their existing network, carrying out required installation and verification tests, establishing links with MNP Operators and conducting inter operator test. After the service