

- xi. Give emphasis on broadband and provide 30 million broadband connections in next three years.
- xii. Unbundle local loop for public and private companies.
- xiii. Use BSNL strength in rural areas and share active and passive infrastructure.
- xiv. Use power of I.T. for re-engineering its systems and process in finance, billing, human resource, customer services, network management, sales marketing project management and training etc.
- xv. Create two separate subsidies; one for tower related infrastructure and other for development of land bank and other real estates.
- xvi. Establish a BSNL Venture Fund for acquiring technology companies to encourage local innovation and manufacturing.

Auction for 3G mobile spectrum

286. SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

(a) the reasons for the delay to finalise auction for the Third Generation (3-G) mobile spectrum despite a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Ministry of Communications and Information Technology and Ministry of Defence on 22nd May, 2009 regarding the vacation of 3G spectrum;

(b) whether Government has set any deadline to finalize auction process of 3G spectrum; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) There have been some issues about availability of 3G spectrum in different service areas causing delay in finalizing number of 3G slots to be auctioned.

(b) and (c) Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) incorporating technical, legal and financial aspects associated with auction of 3G spectrum, also indicating the timeline for auction is being issued shortly.

Auction of 3G spectrum

†287. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

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

(a) whether Government intends to carry out auctioning of 3G spectrum in the year 2009-10;

(b) whether in view of its current and future requirement Defence Ministry proposes to release the phase-wise limited number of 3G spectrums;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.