Special audit of Reliance Communications Ltd.

283. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a)   whether it is a fact that Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has ordered special audit of Reliance Communications Ltd. (R-Com) for the Financial Years 2006-07 and 2007-08;

(b)   whether the special auditors have found irregularity in the special audit report;

(c)   if so, whether DOT is ordering special audit for Financial Year 2008-09; and

(d)   if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) Yes, Sir. DoT has ordered special audit in case of some Telecom Operators including Reliance Communications Ltd.

(b)   The report of the special auditors has been received and is being examined.

(c) and (d) Special Audit for the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 had been instituted *Vide* clause 22.6 of the License Agreement and the same has not been evoked for the year 2008-09.

Hoarding spectrum of Vodafone

284.   SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
       SHRI JAI PRKASH NARYAN SINGH:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a)   whether it is a fact that Vodafone is hoarding spectrum beyond the contracted amount of 6.2 MHz and not allowing other players to start services;

(b)   if so, the details in this regard; and

(c)   the steps taken by Government against Vodafone for hoarding spectrum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) and (b) No Sir. GSM Spectrum (start up and additional) to M/s Vodafone has been allotted in accordance with the conditions of the service license and as per guidelines/ orders/ criteria as applicable at the time of such allotment

(c)   Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

BSNL share in mobile market

285.   SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:
       SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: