

- (c) if so, whether Government is ready for 4G and 5G auction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) 3G & BWA spectrum has been auctioned in the country. However, information on the interest generated across the world on the auction is not available.

- (b) 2G spectrum has not been auctioned so far in the country.

(c) TRAI has issued a pre consultation paper only on IMT-Advanced (4G) broadband wireless services on 10th February 2010 for the comments/views from stakeholders. Auction will be considered only after receipt of TRAI recommendations.

#### **Termination of International Calls**

1959. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL has been clandestinely terminating international calls as domestic calls on the network of private operators;

(b) whether it is also a fact that M/s Vodafone on 2nd November, 2004 brought to the notice of BSNL Gujarat circle that such international calls are being received on their network with BSNL network domestic CLI;

(c) whether BSNL was entitled to terminate international calls with domestic CLI from its network on other operators;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(f) the action taken by DoT on the officials of BSNL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) No, Sir. Because BSNL started International Long Distance (ILD) services in January, 2005 only and started carrying incoming international calls *w.e.f.* from January, 2007.

(b) Sir, M/s Hutch (now Vodafone) vide its letter dated 2nd November, 2004 had informed BSNL Gujarat Circle that some ILD calls have been terminated in their network having CLI of six mobile numbers of BSNL.

On investigation it was found that four of these numbers were already disconnected by BSNL in September, 2004 itself and remaining two numbers were disconnected in November, 2004, as per prevailing guidelines of Department of Telecom.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) No operator is entitled to clandestinely terminate the international calls with domestic CLI as per present regulatory and licensing regime.

(f) Does not arise, in view of above.

#### **3G in whole country**

†1960. SHRI VEER PAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the time Government would take to introduce 3G mobile service in whole country; and

(b) the number of cities in the country where 3G mobile service has begun along with the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) 3G services have been started by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in few selected cities in February 2009. BSNL would be providing 3G services in total 760 cities in first phase covering all the district headquarters, commercially important towns and tourist places in the year 2010-11.

(b) As on 08.07.2010, BSNL has launched 3G services in 463 cities of the country Telecom circle-wise details are given in the Statement (See below). In addition, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has already launched 3G services in Delhi and Mumbai.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.