

Charge for holding excess 2G spectrum

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

(a) whether it is a fact that TRAI has mooted a proposal to DoT to charge the GSM operators Bharti, Vodafone, Idea, BSNL and MTNL for holding excess 2G spectrum in line with 3G auction;

(b) if so, the action taken by DoT on the proposal submitted by TRAI; and

(c) the time frame by which DoT would implement the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) TRAI in their recommendations on Spectrum management and licensing Framework dated 11th May, 2010 has recommended that all the service providers having spectrum beyond the contracted quantum should pay excess spectrum charges at the Current price. TRAI further recommended that the 3G Prices be adopted as the Current price of spectrum in the 1800 MHz band and the Current price of spectrum in the 900 MHz band be fixed at 1.5 times that of the 1800 MHz band. Subsequently, on 18th May, 2010, in continuation to their recommendations dated 11th May 2010, TRAI suggested the Government to await further recommendations on the issue of payment of excess spectrum charges at the Current price as the Authority is separately initiating an exercise to further study this subject and DoT is yet to receive these recommendations.

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

Social security measures for casual and contract labourers

436. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the social security measures like EPF, insurance, etc., as provided under rules, are being extended to the casual and contract labourers engaged in BSNL;

(b) if so, the details of measures implemented thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken by Government for getting them implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.