

(b) the number of vacancies against various posts in the Ministry in various States including Uttar Pradesh and the number of posts likely to be filled and the actual strength of employees therein;

(c) the details of corrective steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) by when all the vacant posts are likely to be filled in the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. Against the total strength of employees of 178880 in the Ministry, there are 33959 (19.00%) Scheduled Castes and 14252 (7.97%) Scheduled Tribes employees in various States including Uttar Pradesh.

Revenue from sale of spectrum

686. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the total revenue from sale of spectrum to private service providers annually, in last three years, under different categories;

(b) when Government proposes to carry out the auction to allocate the cancelled 2G spectrum;

(c) the revenue Government is expecting from the said auction; and

(d) whether Government would ensure that mobile charges are not increased by the service providers after getting spectrum in auction?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Sir, the total revenue from sale of spectrum in last three years, under different categories/bands are as under:

				(₹ in crores)
Year	800MHz (₹)	900MHz (₹)	1800MHz (₹)	Total
2012	-	-	9407.64	9407.64
2013	3639.48	-	-	3639.48
2014	-	23589.62	37572.60	61162.22
GRAND TOTAL	3639.48	23589.62	46980.24	74209.34

(b) The Auction of spectrum was held in November 2012, March, 2013 and February, 2014 as per detail given below:

- (i) **November, 2012:** Spectrum in 800MHz and 1800MHz was put to auction in all 22 service areas. A total quantum of 95 MHz of spectrum was put to auction in the 800MHz band and a total quantum of 295MHz was put to auction in the 1800 MHz band, making a total of 390MHz. In the auction, no bidding interest was expressed for spectrum in 800MHz band. There were confirmed bidders for a total of 102 blocks of 1.25MHz each *i.e.* 127.5 MHz of spectrum in the auction for 1800MHz band, as against 295MHz on offer in the auction.
- (ii) **March, 2013:** Auction of spectrum in 800MHz, 900MHz and 1800 MHz spectrum bands was conducted in March, 2013. In the March auction, no bidding interest was expressed by participants in the 900MHz and 1800 MHz band. In 800 MHz band, there was only one bidder, who won three frequency blocks each 1.25 MHz in 8 service areas, namely, Delhi, Kolkata, Gujarat, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Kerala, West Bengal, and UP (West).
- (iii) **February, 2014:** Auction of spectrum in 900 MHz band and 1800 MHz band was conducted during February, 2014. Out of 385.2 MHz spectrum put for auction, 307.2 MHz was sold in 1800 MHz band. A total of 46 MHz spectrum was put for auction in 900 MHz band in Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata service areas. The entire spectrum put for auction in 900 MHz band was sold out.

The auction of spectrum in 800MHz, 900MHz and 1800 MHz bands is planned during the current financial year.

(c) Revenue receipt, from spectrum Auction in 800, 900 and 1800 MHz bands, budgeted during 2014-15, is ₹9,355/- crore.

(d) As per the present telecom tariff framework in the country, the tariffs for wireless access services, except for national roaming service are under forbearance. The telecom service providers (TSPs) have the flexibility to determine tariffs based on the level of competition and other commercial considerations.

High speed broadband facility in villages

687. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a need to extend high speed broadband facility to all village panchayats in the country; and