

(₹ in Crore)

	Year 2013-14	Year 2014-15	Year 2015-16	Year 2016-17 (upto 30.6.2016)
Total Income (Revenue from Operation+ other income)	27,996	28,645	32,919	7,331
Net Profit/(Loss)	(7019)	(8234)	(3880)	(1721)

(b) and (c) Turnover of BSNL *i.e.* revenue from operation during the years 2014-16 is as under:

(₹ in Crore)

	Year 2013-14	Year 2014-15	Year 2015-16	Year 2016-17 (upto 30.6.2016)
Revenue from Operation	26,153	27,242	28,449	7,183

The turnover *i.e.* revenue from operation has increased from ₹26,153 crore in 2013-14 to ₹27,242 crore in 2014-15 and to ₹28,449 crore in 2015-16.

Auction of airwaves in 2016

2766. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total revenue anticipated from airwaves auction in 2016;
- (b) the total revenue Government raised from the sale of airwaves in 2016;
- (c) the total percentage of airwaves, which was put on the block, remained unsold;
- (d) the reasons of premium 700 MHz (4G) band remaining unsold in the spectrum auction; and
- (e) whether Government would assure that after this airwaves auction, there will be no problem of call drops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) The total revenue anticipated from airwaves auction is based on the Reserve Price (RP) of each band of spectrum in each Licensed Service Area (LSA) put to auction, fixed by the Government on the recommendation of TRAI. However, budgetary target projection by DoT can be taken as the revenue target from spectrum auction. For 2016-17, DoT estimated ₹34586.00 Cr. from Spectrum Auction which was raised by Finance Ministry to ₹ 63580.92 Cr. Against DoT projection of ₹ 34586.00 Cr. ₹ 32434.10 Cr. has been collected as upfront payment from 2016 auction.

(b) The total revenue Government raised from the sale of airwaves in 2016 is ₹ 65789.12 crores.

(c) The total percentage of airwaves, which was put on the block, remained unsold is 59.03% (*i.e.* 1389.95MHz remained unsold out of total 2354.75 MHz)

(d) No bid was received in any of the 22 LSAs in 700 MHz. Absence of eco-system in 700 MHz band including the non-availability of devices together with industry perception of high reserve price appear to be the main reason for no bids in the 700 MHz band. In addition, companies appeared to be preserving cash to protect market share in the days to come.

(e) Spectrum shortage cannot be a reason for call drop after recent spectrum auction. Call drop is an international phenomenon and cannot be eliminated completely.

Sale of products of other insurance companies in rural areas

†2767. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Posts proposes to sell the products of other insurance companies, particularly in rural areas, besides sale of its own policies, in view of very little coverage of insurance in rural India and its immense possibilities there, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Department of Posts is considering the sale of policy products like crop insurance, accident insurance, farm equipment insurance besides postal life insurance; and

(c) the number of post offices in Maharashtra linked under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, the mandate of India Post Payments Bank

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.