# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS 

RAJYA SABHA<br>UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 718<br>TO BE ANSWERED ON $22^{\text {ND }}$ JULY, 2022<br>BASE PRICE OF SPECTRUM BANDS

## 718. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:
(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has recommended slashing the base price for airwaves by upto 40 per cent across all spectrum bands, including 5 G airwaves, and the telecom regulator has also suggested that all available spectrum in the existing bands be put to auction; and
(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof?

## ANSWER

## MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.
(b) Based upon the recommendations by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), Union Cabinet in its meeting dated 14-06-2022 has approved the following:
i. Reserve Price in $700 \mathrm{MHz}, 800 \mathrm{MHz}, 900 \mathrm{MHz}, 1800 \mathrm{MHz}, 2100 \mathrm{MHz}, 2300 \mathrm{MHz}, 2500 \mathrm{MHz}$, 3300 MHz are reduced up to 40 percent in most of the LSA-Band combinations. Rights to use spectrum in $600 \mathrm{MHz}, 3300 \mathrm{MHz} \& 26 \mathrm{GHz}$ band is being auctioned for the first time and reserve price as recommended by TRAI has been accepted. Comparison of per MHz reserve price in $700 \mathrm{MHz}, 800 \mathrm{MHz}, 1800 \mathrm{MHz} \& 3300 \mathrm{MHz}$ on pan India basis vis-à-vis total per MHz reserve price during the auction for right to use spectrum in same band conducted in March 2021 is annexed.
ii. All the available spectrum excluding the spectrum i.e. 10 MHz (paired) in 600 MHz band, 40 MHz in 3300 MHz band, 400 MHz in 26 GHz band reserved for BSNL and 5 MHz (paired) in 700 MHz bands reserved for NCRTC, in all the 22 LSAs, has been put to auction in JuneJuly 2022.

| Band | Total RP per <br> MHz (in Cr) for <br> all LSA (Pan- <br> India) as per NIA <br> 2021 | Total RP per <br> MHz (in Cr) for <br> all LSA (Pan- <br> India) as per NIA <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ |  |
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| $\mathbf{7 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}$ | 6581 | 3927 | \% reduction |
| $\mathbf{8 0 0 ~ M H z}$ | 4745 | 3620 | 40.33 |
| $\mathbf{1 8 0 0 ~ M H z}$ | 3291 | 2116 | 23.71 |
| $\mathbf{3 3 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}$ | 494 | 317 | 35.70 |

