

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2770
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH MARCH, 2023**

AUCTION OF 5G SPECTRUM

2770 Shri R. Girirajan:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has allocated 5G spectrum to private telecom service providers;
- (b) if so, the income generated through the 5G spectrum auction; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that BSNL has not been considered for 5G spectrum use and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) Yes; The Government has assigned spectrum, in various frequency bands, to the successful bidders of the spectrum auction conducted from 26.07.2022 to 01.08.2022 for the roll out of cellular mobile services including 5G. The total bid amount for the spectrum sold during this auction is Rs.1, 50,173.29 Crores out of which a total amount of Rs.18,008 crores was received as upfront/1st instalment in 2022-2023.
- (c) No; As part of the decision to conduct the auction of spectrum in various frequency bands, the Government reserved spectrum for BSNL in the 600 MHz, 3300 MHz and 26 GHz bands in all the 22 Licensed Service Areas for providing 5G services.
