

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1933
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH AUGUST, 2024**

AUCTION OF 5G SPECTRUM

**1933 SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:
SMT. RANJEET RANJAN:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the recent 5G spectrum auction, including the total spectrum and the financial commitments made by telecom operators;
- (b) the specific challenges telecom operators faced during the auction process; and
- (c) in what manner Government plans to address issues, such as, high reserve prices and limited bidding interest, to ensure future auctions are more participative?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

- (a) Department of Telecom (DoT) issued Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) for Spectrum Auction 2023-24 on 08.03.2024. All the available spectrum in 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2500 MHz, 3300 MHz & 26 GHz spectrum bands spread across 22 License Service Areas (LSAs) was put to auction. The auction started on 25.06.2024 and concluded on 26.06.2024 after seven (7) rounds of bidding. Spectrum worth Rs.11,340.78 crores has been bought by Telecom Service Providers.
- (b) None
- (c) Recommendation of reserve prices is a function entrusted to TRAI which is an independent regulator. TRAI recommends reserve prices after due consultation process with the stakeholders. TRAI had recommended reserve prices for the available spectrum bands in April, 2022 and had further recommended to use same prices for a period of 3 years with suitable indexation. These reserve prices were used in Spectrum Auction 2023-24. The Reserve Prices were not high nor there was limited bidding interest as Government garnered Rs.11,340.78 crores.
