GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 978 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH FEBRUARY, 2025

SATRC WORKSHOP ON SPECTRUM ALLOCATION

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Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which the insights from South Asian Telecommunication Regulators' Council (SATRC) workshop influence the spectrum allocation policies in the country and other SATRC member countries;
- (b) the specific outcomes from this workshop that will contribute to sustainable growth in the telecommunications sector;
- (c) whether there are plans for follow-up activities, such as pilot projects or additional regional meetings, to ensure that the insights gained are implemented effectively after the workshop; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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- (a) The 'SATRC Workshop on Spectrum' was organized by Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and hosted by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). This Workshop was part of the Capacity Building of the South Asian Telecommunication Regulators' Council (SATRC) Action Plan Phase IX. Such workshops improve participants' understanding through cross-learning and have no direct bearing on spectrum allocations.
- (b) to (d) The topics during the workshop were related to the activities of the SATRC Working Group and recent trends. During the workshop, speakers/ participants from member countries shared the experiences and practices being followed in the respective countries.

The SATRC lead experts took note of the discussion, which they may use while developing the report on their subjects for submission to the SATRC Work Group (WG).

There is no follow-up plan in SATRC. However, report of the Work Group is presented to SATRC.
