

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

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 60
ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2026**

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR SCN

60 DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made in finalising the Satellite Communication Network (SCN) Authorisation and spectrum assignment framework for satellite communication providers;
- (b) the number of Non-Geostationary Satellite Orbit (NGSO) operators, including Starlink, Jio Satellite, OneWeb and Amazon Kuiper, awaiting licences or spectrum pending under this framework;
- (c) the status and timeline in finalising spectrum pricing and security clearance norms; and
- (d) the steps taken to align satellite broadband rollout with the National Broadband Mission 2.0 targets?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
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- (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF RAJYA SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 60 FOR 23rd JULY, 2026 REGARDING “REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR SCN” ASKED BY DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE:

(a) to (c) The Department of Telecommunications sent a reference to Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for providing its recommendations on terms and conditions for authorisation for satellite communication network and for assignment of spectrum under such authorisation. TRAI has published a consultation paper on the framework for satellite communication network authorisation and assignment of spectrum to satellite communication network providers and has also held open-house discussions with stakeholders. The points raised for consideration in the consultation paper, *inter-alia*, include terms and conditions, scope, area of operation, security norms, assignment of spectrum and spectrum pricing for satellite communication network authorisation.

Presently, no application from Non-Geostationary Satellite Orbit (NGSO) operator is pending for grant of satellite communication network authorisation or assignment of spectrum under such authorisation.

(d) One of the objectives of National Broadband Mission 2.0 is to leverage satellite broadband as an effective and competitive technology, particularly in remote and rural areas, with a view to proliferate broadband services in the country.
