

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2574  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY, 2018**

**AUCTION OF TELECOM SPECTRUM**

2574. SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has a detailed report on the recent auction of the country's telecom spectrum;
- (b) if so, the details of the participants in this auction;
- (c) whether the said auction has invited enough participation and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the auction has matched upto the budgetary estimates of spectrum sales; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps taken by the Government to fill the shortfall thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. The Department had conducted the last auction of spectrum in 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz and 2500 MHz bands in October 2016. A total of 2354.75 MHz of spectrum in these bands was put to auction, out of which, 964.8 MHz of spectrum was sold in 800 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz and 2500 MHz bands. All the major Telecom Service Providers viz. M/s Aircel Limited, Bharti Airtel Limited, Idea Cellular Limited, Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Reliance Communications Limited, Tata Teleservices Limited and Vodafone Mobile Services Limited, participated in the October 2016 spectrum auction.

Details of the auction is at **Annexure-I**.

(d) & (e) The Budget estimate for Auction 2016 was Rs. 33,194 crores and the upfront amount realised through Auction 2016 was Rs. 32,434.10 crores. Thus there was negligible shortfall of 2.29 %. The total bid price value was Rs. 65,789.12 crores.

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S. No.	Band (MHz)	Total Spectrum Put to Auction			Auction Result: Spectrum Sold				Upfront payment (in Rs. Cr.)		
		No. of LSA*	Quantum (MHz)	Value at RP (Cr.)	No. of LSA*	Quantum (MHz)	Value at Reserve Price (in Rs. Cr.)	Bid Price Value (in Rs. Cr.)	Minimum Due	Actual Received	Excess Recd.
1	700	22	770.00	4,01,975.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	800	19	73.75	26,126.25	4	15.00	3165.00	3,623.49	905.87	905.87	0.00
3	900	4	9.40	5413.80	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	1800	21	221.60	24,647.20	19	174.80	17341.60	18,493.91	9,246.96	9,337.37	90.41
5	2100	22	360.00	63,345.00	12	85.00	16140.00	16,140.00	8,070.00	8,420.00	350.00
6	2300	16	320.00	15,200.00	16	320.00	15200.00	15,790.12	9,895.06	7,900.06	5.00
7	2500	22	600.00	30,680.00	20	370.00	11740.00	11,741.60	5,870.80	5,870.80	0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>126</b>	<b>2354.75</b>	<b>5,67,387.25</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>964.80</b>	<b>63,586.60</b>	<b>65,789.12</b>	<b>31,988.69</b>	<b>32,434.10</b>	<b>445.41</b>

\*LSA: Licensed Service Area

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