

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4179  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**5G NETWORK**

†4179. SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch 5G network in the country very soon;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the 5G network facility is likely to be very cheap as compared to the other countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) The radio spectrum and the telecom licenses, being awarded by the Government are technology neutral and ready to facilitate deployment of any network/ services across the country, including 5G network/ services, within the licensing framework using the liberalised spectrum. To harness the benefit of emerging new technologies, particularly the 5G technologies and its adoption, the Department of Telecommunications will support establishment of an indigenous 5G Test Bed at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Chennai.

(c) & (d) Pricing is decided by Telecom Service Providers based on demand and competition from time to time.

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