

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 174
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th JULY, 2018**

SPECTRUM AUCTION AND TELECOM POLICY

174. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the next spectrum auction will be the biggest so far with 3,000 MHz of radio waves;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the spectrum supporting 5G services and fiberisation of networks will be part of the National Telecom Policy, 2018 and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the said new policy is likely to be announced by the Government?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
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(a) & (b) Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has planned auction of spectrum in 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2500 MHz, 3300-3400 MHz and 3400-3600 MHz bands. Accordingly, a reference has been sent to Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on 19.04.2017 seeking recommendations on the Reserve Price for auction of right to use spectrum.

(c) & (d) The National Digital Communications Policy – 2018, which is likely to be announced in coming months has provisions regarding spectrum for 5G services and fiber deployment for digital communications infrastructure development. The strategy of draft policy includes:

- (i) To identify and make available new spectrum bands for the growth of 5G networks,
- (ii) A 'National Broadband Mission – Rashtriya Broadband Abhiyan' which inter-alia has 'Fiber First Initiative' and 'National Digital Grid for fiberisation'.
