

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1062
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH FEBRUARY, 2023**

PRICING MODEL FOR 5G

**1062. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the pricing model proposed for 5G services to consumers;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to offer reduction in prices or other financial incentives to encourage citizens to shift to 5G services;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the phase-wise plan for introducing 5G services in the country?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

(a) to (c) As per existing tariff framework, tariff for telecommunication service is under forbearance except for services such as National Roaming, rural fixed line services, mobile number portability, leased circuits and Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD) service. Subject to compliance to extant regulatory provisions, service providers are free to design and offer tariffs based on their understanding of the market situation. Service providers have the flexibility to decide various tariff components including recharge value for different service areas of their operation. Tariffs are offered by service providers taking into account several factors including input costs, level of competition and other commercial considerations.

(d) The Government has established a road map to make 5G services available in different parts of the country through rollout obligations. As per the Notice Inviting Application (NIA) dated 15-06-2022 for auction of spectrum and the license conditions, the rollout obligations are required to be met over a period of five years, in a phased manner, from the date of allocation of spectrum. Further expansion of mobile networks beyond the mandatory rollout obligations, depends on the techno-commercial consideration of the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs).
