CALL DROPS

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of complaints regarding call drops and poor call connectivity are being received from 5G users due to shortage of fiber backhaul at towers in various circles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any deadline has been set for expansion of 5G service in major cities of the country including Rajasthan and North-East India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) As reported by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and various Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), no such complaint has been received from 5G users.

(c) & (d) 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 TSPs.

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