GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4781 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH MARCH, 2023

5G SPECTRUM

4781. SHRI T.R.V.S. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce 5G spectrum mobile broadband in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the bidders of 4G have proven their eligibility to provide satisfactory services to the nation and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that first world countries have disapproved 5G spectrum services due to security reasons; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the problems of security breach and the plan details of the Government?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)

- (a) 5G mobile broadband services have already been started in 500 cities distributed across all Licensed Service Areas (LSAs).
- (b) Four Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) viz. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Bharti Airtel Limited, Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited and Vodafone Idea Limited are providing 4G services satisfactorily in the country.
- (c) No such information has come to the notice of the Government.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.
