GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2558 TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH DECEMBER, 2019

INTRODUCTION OF 5G SERVICES

2558. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to introduce 5G services to improve the Government run programme Digital India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has fixed any target in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has also fixed any condition for the auction of 5G spectrum and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b) The standards for IMT 2020 (International Mobile Telecommunications 2020), also known as 5G technologies in industry, are being finalised. An inter-ministerial High Level Forum for 5G India 2020 was constituted in September 2017 to articulate the Vision for 5G in India and to recommend policy initiatives and action plans to realize this vision. The High Level Forum submitted its report titled as "Making India 5G Ready" in August 2018. Based on the report, the Government is creating an enabling framework for deployment of affordable and secure 5G services in India.

(c) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has given its recommendations dated 01.08.2018 on Auction of Spectrum in various bands including for 5G services. The Government will decide auction date and conditions for the auction after considering the recommendations of the TRAI.
