

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3609
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH MARCH, 2021**

2G MOBILE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

3609. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to do away with the 2G mobile communications system in the country in the wake of increasing digital technology and introduction of 5G technology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has received any suggestion from telecom companies in this regards and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereon?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)**

(a)&(b) No, Sir. The Licensed Telecom Service Providers in the country are using diverse cellular mobile technologies viz., 2G, 3G, 4G and their combinations to provide voice & data services.

The Choice of technology for provision of telecom services are left to the Service Providers as per their respective business considerations. The Department of Telecommunications, Government of India makes available sufficient spectrum through auction for mobile services across different bands.

(c) No Sir, the Government has not received any suggestion in this regard from telecom companies.
