

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 375  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021**

**AUCTION OF SPECTRUM**

375. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved the auction of spectrums recently to help boost the quality of 4G/5G telecom services in the country including spectrum in the frequency bands of 700MHz, 800MHz, 900MHz, 1,800MHz, 2,100MHz, 2,300MHz and 2,500MHz, if so, the details and the present status thereof; and
- (b) the revenue generated from such auctions during each of the last five years from private and Government sources?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Government has decided to conduct auction of spectrum in 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz and 2500 MHz frequency bands. Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) for the spectrum auction has been issued on 06.01.2021. Pre-bid conference for auction was held on 12.01.2021. Query & responses document and requisite amendments to the NIA have been issued on 28.01.2021. Start of auction is scheduled for 01.03.2021 as per the NIA timetable.
- (b) Year-wise revenue collected on account of upfront payments and annual instalments of such auctions, during last five years is as under:

Financial Year	Revenue (in Crore of Rupees)
2016-17	44834.22
2017-18	11639.25
2018-19	20914.18
2019-20	24298.32
2020-21	NIL*

\*Auction upfront payment is expected in March 2021.

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