

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3163
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH MARCH, 2026**

SPECTRUM ALLOCATION TO TELECOM OPERATORS

3163. SHRI KALIPADA SAREN KHERWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of spectrum allocated to each telecom operators during the last two auctions along with the total revenue generated therefrom;
- (b) the total number of rural telecom sites that have been shut down due to the financial distress of operators; and
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any assessment of the impact of market consolidation and rising tariffs on consumer affordability and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) The quantum of spectrum assigned to each telecom operators in the last two auctions held in the year 2022 and 2024, alongwith the total revenue generated from these auctions is provided below:

Auction Year	2022		2024	
Name of the Bidder/Operator	Quantum of Spectrum assigned	Total revenue (in ₹ cr.)	Quantum of Spectrum assigned	Total revenue (in ₹ cr.)
M/s Adani Data Networks Limited	400 MHz	212	No participation	-
M/s Bharti Airtel Limited	19,867.8 MHz	43,084	97 MHz	6,857
M/s Vodafone Idea Limited	6,228.4 MHz	18,799	30 MHz	3,510
M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited	24,740 MHz	88,078	14.40 MHz	973

- (b) A total of 874 rural telecom sites have been shut down due to financial distress of operators.
- (c) The tariff for telecom services is under forbearance, as per the regulatory framework prescribed by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). Subject to compliance with extant regulatory provisions, service providers are free to design and offer tariffs based on their understanding of the market situation.

It may be noted that adequate competition exists in the market with four telecom operators offering competitive plans in the market. It may also be noted that the Indian telecom tariffs are amongst the lowest in the world.
