

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4067
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH AUGUST, 2016**

IMPACT OF HIGH SPECTRUM PRICE ON MOBILE TARIFF

4067. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:
SHRI KAMAL NATH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the reserve price for telecom spectrum auction fixed by the Government is too high which can result into hike in tariffs by various telecom companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to ensure that the high cost of spectrum price do not have cascading effect on mobile tariff?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a) & (b) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), having taken into account the comments of various stakeholders received during consultation process, released its recommendation on "Valuation and Reserve Price of Spectrum in 700, 800, 900, 1800, 2100, 2300 and 2500 MHz bands" dated 27.1.2016 and subsequent response dated 18.4.2016 on back reference by the Government. The Government, after considering the above TRAI recommendations, has decided the reserve price for 700, 800, 900, 1800, 2100, 2300 and 2500 MHz bands. A detail of spectrum bands and their reserve price is at **Annexure-I**.

(c) It is expected that competition in the telecom sector may force operators not to increase the tariffs.

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Reserve Price for Auction of Spectrum in Various Bands

Rupees in Crores per MHz

Licensed Service area (LSA)	Paired					Unpaired	
	700 MHz	800 MHz	900 MHz	1800 MHz	2100 MHz	2300 MHz	2500 MHz
Delhi	1595	848		399	554	143	143
Mumbai	1192	727		298	461	146	146
Kolkata	596	160		149	116	33	33
Andhra Pradesh	971	606		243	272	68	68
Gujarat	952	285	673	238	258	39	39
Karnataka	740	303	558	185	328	98	98
Maharashtra	1272	799		318	341	58	58
Tamilnadu	900	360		225	344	132	132
Haryana	186	57	151	47	55	8	8
Kerala	334	243		83	177	16	16
Madhya Pradesh	331	408		83	123	8	8
Punjab	308	119		77	91	21	21
Rajasthan	364	204		91	140	6	6
U. P. (East)	459	219	776	115	110	9	9
U.P. (West)	384	182	739	96	111	12	12
West Bengal	183	82		46	52	5	5
Assam	158			40	46	2	2
Bihar	248	136	444	62	86	6	6
Himachal Pradesh	64	24		16	20	1	1
Jammu & Kashmir	52			13	11	1	1
North East	44			11	12	1	1
Orissa	152	57		38	38	4	4
