

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 18.11.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**ADDITIONAL SPECTRUM OF 1.8 MHZ .**

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Shri Jai Prakash Narayan Singh

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that all the new operators have been waiting either for the additional spectrum of 1.8 MHz or for the initial spectrum of 4.4 MHz for about 2 years;
- (b) if so, plans of Government to meet the demands of these operators so that they get atleast the contracted amount of 6.2 MHz of spectrum;
- (c) the present availability of 2G spectrum with DoT service, area-wise; and
- (d) the amount of more spectrum that is going to be made available in the next 3 years, the details thereof, month-wise and year-wise, so that the needy operators could plan their networks?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) No, Sir. All the new operators have been allotted initial spectrum of 4.4 MHz in all the service areas except in Delhi service area. In Delhi service area, five new operators are waiting for allotment of initial spectrum. Few new operators have applied for additional spectrum of 1.8 MHz in some service areas.

(b) to (d) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Ministry of Defence (MOD) and Department of Telecom has been signed on 22.05.2009 to ensure time bound vacation of spectrum by MOD and implementation of other related issues. As per the MOU, MOD has to release 20 MHz of 2G spectrum out of Defence usages as per the following time lines:

a) 5 MHz on signing of MOU.

b) 5 MHz on Supply of Equipment Order.

c) 5 MHz on installation of Equipment

Remaining 5 MHz on Acceptance of Testing & Commissioning of exclusive OFC Network.

So far, MOD has released 10 MHz of spectrum. Availability of GSM spectrum after release of 10 MHz spectrum by Defence is given in the Annexure.