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Fwd: Comments of Valuation and Reserve Price of Spectrum in 700 MHZ

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Subject: Comments of Valuation and Reserve Price of Spectrum in 700 MHZ

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Dear Sir,

SUBJECT: Suggestion against auction of 700 Mhz band.

Government should not auction spectrum in 700 Mhz band. Auctioning of 700 Mhz band when its eco-system is not developed means that government is just looking at selling this premium band to fill fiscal deficit gap.

The 700 Mhz band should be used for following purposes till the time it is not auctioned:

1- Development of IPR by domestic technology

2- Rural broadband connectivity to panchayat offices, primary health centres, primary schools and common service centres through a special purpose vehicle . The job of SPV should be to coordinate for development of domestic technologies as well as providing rural broadband services.

The 700 Mhz band should be auctioned after 3-4 years when the eco-system is fully developed.

Auction of 700 Mhz band will not fetch government its true value and a premium band , if sold in a year, will be remain under-utilised for next 20 years.

At present the industry is going through radical changes with issue of net neutrality as well telecom operators spending heavily on new technologies. The telecom operators have not been able to fully or fractionally utilise spectrum allocated to them. Telecom operators are also under heavy debt and need some breathing space.

Hence its in interest of nation to defer auction of 700 Mhz band to next 3-4 years when it is likely to have robust eco-system that will lead to its good market value.

With best regards

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