

- (iii) M/s. Vodafone South Limited
- (iv) Videocon Telecommunications Limited
- (v) Telewings Communications Services Private Limited

43.22 % of the total no. of blocks in 1800 MHz Band have been allocated through auction; 27.36 % of the total value (at reserve price) of the spectrum block in 1800 MHz Band was realized.

In 800 MHz band, there were two applicants and both the applicants withdrew their applications.

Private sector participation in cyber security

2406. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to rope in private sector participation in cyber security across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time-frame fixed by Government to complete the process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) Government has taken initiative for engaging with private sector on Cyber Security. In this regard a Joint Working Group (JWG) with representatives of both public and private sector was set up to work out the details in July, 2012.

(b) The Joint Working Group (JWG) has submitted its report on engagement with Private Sector on Cyber Security in October 15, 2012. The salient features of the JWG *inter-alia* include Guiding Principles and Objectives, "Roadmap" for Public - Private Partnership (PPP) on Cyber Security and four pilot projects. The recommended "Roadmap" includes setting up of an Institutional Framework for involvement of private sector, capacity building in the area of Cyber Security, development Cyber Security Standards and Assurance mechanisms and augmentation of testing and certification facilities for Information Technology products.

(c) Action has been initiated for implementation of the recommendations in key priority areas and it is an on-going process.