

PRESS – NOTE

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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The Supreme Court of India vide its Order dated 2nd February, 2012 in WP(Civil) No.423 of 2010 quashed the licenses and allocation of spectrum granted on or after 10.1.2008 pursuant to two press releases issued on 10.1.2008. It further ordered grant of license and allocation of spectrum in 2G band in 22 Service Areas by auction.

Further in its order dated 15.2.2013 in IA no. 11 of 2012 in Writ Petition (C) No. 423 of 2010 with Writ Petition (C) No. 408 of 2012 and Writ Petition (C) No. 415 of 2012, the Supreme Court has directed that the entire spectrum released as a result of quashing of the licenses on 2.2.2012 should be auctioned without further delay.

The Department of Telecom has accordingly decided that a separate auction will be held for the balance of Spectrum in 1800 MHz band in compliance with the direction of the Supreme Court in its order dated 15-2-2013. Details are being worked out and a separate NIA in this regard will be issued shortly.

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