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Dear Thiru Raja

This is further to your letter dated 06 July, 2010, in response to my letter dated 03 March, 2010.

As is obvious from your response, there is a large amount of spectrum lying with private companies, specifically Internet Service Providers (ISPs), which is clearly being underutilized – since almost 554 MHz of spectrum is being used to serve less than 7-8 million wireless Internet subscribers.

Given that you and the Government of India have taken a policy decision on (a) preventing hoarding of spectrum, and (b) auctioning spectrum, I believe it would be appropriate Government policy to take back these large amounts of spectrum from companies that are underutilizing / not utilizing / hoarding this spectrum, and auction the same with stricter rollout and investment criteria this time around, so that the twin policy objectives of subscriber addition as well as revenue to the Government, are achieved.

I look forward to your confirmation of the action taken in this regard.

Yours Sincerely,

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