

Spectrum auction: Vodafone, Bharti Airtel, Idea Cellular, Telenor submit applications

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According to reports Airtel, Idea and Vodafone are learnt to have confirmed about the submitting of applications, the details as to how many circles they have decided to bid, and airwaves frequencies and spectrum band are not yet available. According to sources Bharti Airtel has applied for airwaves frequencies at the pan-India level.

The auction is being held following the Supreme Court verdict earlier this year canceling 122 spectrum licences after it was allegedly found that they were rigged. These licences were allotted during the tenure of the former telecom minister A Raja.

The Government was directed by the apex court to complete spectrum auction by January 11, 2013

State-owned telecoms MTNL and BSNL on Thursday said that they will not bid for the spectrum, the process of which will start in November. The last date for submitting the application for participating in the auction is October 19.

MTNL Chairman and Managing Director AK Garg told PTI that BSNL and MTNL will not be participating in the auction as they have enough spectrum. BSNL CMD also said the same about BSNL.