

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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EXODUS OF BIRDS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of mobile relay towers have come up within a 10 km. periphery of the BRT Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka causing hazards to bird population through radiation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any large scale exodus of birds population from the area has been noticed; and
- (d) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a)&(b) As reported by the State Government, three cities of Kollegal, Chamarajangar and Yelandur are located within 10 km from the boundary of the Sanctuary and all the three cities have several mobile relay towers. However, no long-term research studies have so far been completed in the country, showing conclusively the adverse impacts of mobile phone towers on birds.
- (c) As reported by the State Government, no large-scale exodus of bird population has been noticed.
- (d) Does not arise.