

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ILL EFFECTS OF MOBILE PHONE TOWERS ON BIRDS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study has been conducted by any environmental organisation about the adverse effects of mobile towers on birds including sparrows;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) As per the information available with the Ministry, Centre for Environment and Vocational Studies of Punjab University is currently doing a study on the impact of electromagnetic radiation on birds. Similarly, a short-term one-year study has been conducted by the Kerala Environmental Researchers Association indicating that unscientific proliferation of mobile phone towers has deleterious effects on house sparrow population. However, no published long-term research studies are yet available in the country, showing conclusively the adverse impacts of mobile phone towers on birds including sparrows, thus enabling the Government to develop strategy in this regard.