

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:244
ANSWERED ON:11.08.2010
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 the mobile phone towers have led to the decline in the population of birds including sparrows and bees in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up an expert group to conduct a study in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the expert group is likely to be set up ?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c) & (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 244 REGARDING "ILL-EFFECTS OF MOBILE PHONE TOWERS ON BIRDS" BY SHRI M. ANANDAN, DUE FOR REPLY ON 11-08-2010.

(a) &(b) As per the information available with the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Salim Ali Center for Ornithology and Natural History Society, Coimbatore, Centre for Environment and Vocational Studies of Punjab University and the Kerala Environmental Researchers Association are conducting some studies on the impact of electromagnetic radiation on the birds. The preliminary findings indicate that electromagnetic radiations from the mobile towers have some negative effects on birds especially House sparrows and also on the insects including the bees. However, no long-term nation wide studies have so far been conducted, which could show conclusively the adverse impacts of mobile towers on birds and insects.

(c) Presently, there is no such proposal.

(d) Does not arise.