

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

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IMPACT OF COMMUNICATION TOWERS ON BIRDS AND BEES

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up to the Government; a committee to study the possible impact of communication towers on animals, birds and bees;
- (b) if so, whether aforesaid committee has submitted its report;
- (c) if so, the recommendations made by the committee and the steps taken by the Government thereon;
- (d) if not, the time by which the report is likely to be submitted;
- (e) whether the Government intends to make it mandatory for cell phone operators to seek prior permission/sanction for installing communication towers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the guidelines are likely to be framed and implemented?

Answer

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

- (a) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has constituted an Expert Group on 30th August 2010 to study the possible impacts of communication towers on birds and bees.
- (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) The Expert Group is to submit the report within six months of its constitution.