

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5405  
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PERMISSION FOR INSTALLATION OF TOWERS  
Dharmshi Shri Babar Gajanan

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is mandatory for all cellphone operators to seek prior sanction from the Wildlife Division under the Ministry of Environment and Forests before installing their communication towers;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is aware that some cell phone operators are violating these guidelines; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

- (a) Madam, it is not mandatory for all cell phone operators to seek prior sanction from the Wildlife Division under the Ministry of Environment and Forests before installing their communication towers.
- (b) & (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.