

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

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EFFECT OF MOBILE RADIATIONS ON BIRDS

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

- (a) whether the Government has examined the report of an Expert Committee to study the possible impacts of communication towers on wildlife including Birds and Bees in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has issued an advisory asking the Department of Telecommunications not to permit new mobile towers within one-km radius of older towers in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c), (d) and (e) The report submitted by the 'Expert Committee to study the possible impacts of communication towers on wildlife including Birds and Bees' has been examined by the Ministry in consultation with the concerned organizations, and the Ministry has issued an advisory on use of Mobile Towers to minimize their impact on wildlife including birds and bees. The advisory inter alia recommends to the Department of Telecommunications that to prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometer of the existing towers. The contents of the advisory are given in the Annexure. The advisory has been circulated by the Ministry to the concerned organizations for their information and requisite action.