

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

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EFFECT OF RADIATIONS ON BIRDS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the increasing hazards to wildlife especially birds and bees due to radiations from mobile towers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Expert Committee's advisory is issued to the Department of Telecommunications not to permit new mobile towers between short distances;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) As per the report of the 'Expert committee to Study the possible Impacts of Communication Towers on Wildlife including Birds and Bees', constituted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests during 30th August 2010, there are indications that the Electromagnetic Radiations can affect biological systems of animals, birds and insects. Accordingly, the Ministry has issued an advisory on use of Mobile Towers to minimize their impact on wildlife including birds and bees. One of the points in the advisory for the Department of Telecommunications indicates that new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers. The advisory has been circulated by the Ministry to the concerned organizations including the State/Union Territory Governments, Ministry of Panchayati Raj and the Department of Telecommunications, for their information and requisite action.