

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

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CELLULAR TELEPHONY TOWERS
Pal Shri Jagdambika

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment in respect of consumption of diesel by diesel generator sets used for powering cellular telephony towers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the quantity of diesel consumed during the last three years, year and State/UT-wise;
- (c) the total subsidy borne by the Government towards the consumption of diesel by such diesel generator sets for the last three years and the current year, year-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to check the use of subsidised diesel for powering cellular telephony towers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) No assessment has been made in respect of consumption of diesel by diesel generator sets used for powering cellular telephony towers in the country.
- (b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.
- (c) The diesel available in the market is being used by the operators in operating the cellular mobile towers in Telecom Sector.
- (d) Govt. has issued directives for use of Renewable Energy Technology (RET) in Telecom sector to reduce use of diesel consumption for powering cellular telephony towers.