

Study on impact of mobile towers on wildlife

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has constituted a committee to examine impacts of mobile towers on wildlife;
- (b) if so, the action taken by Government on recommendations of this committee;
- (c) whether this committee has conducted or going to conduct a study on Gir forest in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests had constituted an 'Expert Committee to study the possible impacts of communication towers on wildlife including Birds and Bees' on 30th August, 2010 under the chairmanship of Dr. Asad Rahmani, Director, Bombay Natural History Society. The Expert Committee has since submitted its report to the Ministry of Environment and Forests. The report is being examined by the Ministry in consultation with the concerned organizations.

(c) and (d) No such study is conducted or proposed to be conducted by the Committee at present.

Compliance report on Nira Deoghar Irrigation Project

3423. SHRI AVINASH PANDE : Will the minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government has received compliance report regarding Nira Deoghar Irrigation Project in Satara district from the State Government;
- (b) if so, by when Government received the report;
- (c) the current status of the clearance sought; and
- (d) the time Government requires to complete the entire procedure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) to (d): The Nira Deoghar Irrigation Project in Pune District of Maharashtra has been granted environmental clearance on 14.5.2003.