

Study on impact of electromagnetic radiations

1601. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given any order for research and study to assess possible impact of electromagnetic frequency radiations on humans and living organisms from cell phone towers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and time-schedule fixed for completion of such study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) and (b) Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), an autonomous body under Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India has called for 'Research and Development (R and D) proposals on the possible impact of Electromagnetic Field (EMF) Radiation exposure from Mobile Towers and Handsets on Life (humans, living organisms, flora and fauna and environment) and related R and D initiatives'. Such type of research is generally time consuming process and as on date no time schedule has been fixed for completion of such research.

Sale of fake electronic items

1602. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is widespread sale of fake electronic items in the country;

(b) whether ASSOCHAM has conducted any study in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the revenue loss on account of the fake electronic items during the current year;

(d) whether the Government has set up any regulatory mechanism to check fake products;