

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1227
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2018

Decline in Birds Species

1227. SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of species of birds have decreased due to immense increase of mobile towers in cities, towns and rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of report submitted by Dr. Asad Rehman Expert Committee constituted in 2010 to study the effects of mobile towers on birds?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) and (b) There are no specific reports in the Ministry indicating decrease in species of birds due to increase in mobile towers in cities, towns and rural areas.
- (c) The 'Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, under the Chairmanship of Dr Asad Rahmani, to study the possible impacts of communication towers on wildlife including Birds and Bees' submitted its report to the Ministry of Environment and Forests in September 2011. As per the report of the Committee while there are indications that the Electromagnetic Radiations affects biological systems of animals, birds and insects, it also points out that exact correlation between radiation of communication towers and health of wildlife is so far not established. The report also states that although existing literature depicts adverse effects of electromagnetic radiations (EMR) on the biological systems of living beings, more research is required to assess the true impact of EMR on free-living floral and faunal species, including birds and bees in the country.
