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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment & Forests**  
**Wildlife Division**

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**Office Memorandum**

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**Sub: Constitution of Expert Group to study the possible impacts of communication towers on Birds and bees.**

The Ministry of Environment & Forests has decided to constitute an Expert Group to assess the level of possible impacts of growth of mobile towers in urban, sub-urban and even rural/forest areas on the population of birds & bees and to suggest appropriate mitigative measures to address to the problem. The composition and Terms of Reference of the Expert Group is as given below:

1.	Dr. Asad Rahmani, Director, Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai	Chairman
2.	Representative of Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Member
3.	Representative of Ministry of Telecommunication	Member
4.	Representative of WWF-India	Member
5.	Representative of the Centre for Environment & Vocational Studies, Punjab University	Member
6.	Dr. Sainuddin Pakattazhy, Kerala University	Member
7.	Representative of Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore	Member
8.	Representative of Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi.	Member
9.	Representative of Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology & Natural history, Coimbatore	Member
10.	Deputy Inspector General of Forests (WL)	Member-Secretary

**Terms of Reference:**

- i.** To review all the studies done so far in India and abroad on aspect of ill effects of mobile towers on animals, birds & insects.
- ii.** To assess the likely impacts of the growth in the number of mobile towers in the country.

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- iii. To suggest possible mitigatory measures
- iv. To formulate guidelines for regulating the large scale installation of mobile towers in the country.
- v. To identify the gap areas for conducting further detailed research.

The other Terms of References with respect to the said Expert Group would be as under:

- (i) The Term of the Expert Group would be for a period of six months from the date of its constitution.
  - (ii) The non official members of the Committee would be entitled for TA/DA and sitting fee (@ Rs.1000/- each) as applicable to the non-official members as per Rule in vogue.
2. This issues with the approval of competent authority.
  3. The IFD has concurred to the above vide their Dy. No. 1398/AS&FA dated 20<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

  
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6. **The Chairman and all Members of the Expert Group.**
7. **NIC Cell-** with a request to kindly upload the above order on the official website of the Ministry.