

Procure own EMF testing equipment for towers: Parliament panel to DoT

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NEW DELHI: A Parliamentary panel has criticised the [DoT](#) for using equipment provided by [telecom operators](#) to test [radiation levels](#) of towers and asked the Department to procure its own gears.

The [Standing Committee on Information Technology](#) questioned the credibility of the exercise to check [electromagnetic field](#) (EMF) radiation at telecom towers when the testing equipment are provided by operators who set up the towers.

"Strongly feels that the existing mechanism wherein the TSPs (telecom service providers) provide the equipment for monitoring the radiation of BTS (base tower stations) sites set up by themselves puts the credibility of the entire exercise under question," the committee said.

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The committee had earlier recommended to DoT to procure sufficient number of instruments in order to become self-sufficient in EMF testing.

"The committee express their serious displeasure over the fact that the Department has not shown any kind of urgency in procuring the EMF testing equipment and simply stated that the procurement of 69 sets of test equipment for TERM cells in under process in TEC," it said.

The panel, therefore, reiterates that DoT should procure 69 EMF testing instruments within a specific timeframe so as to enable TERM cells to measure radiation levels from telecom towers.

The committee had also recommended that efforts should be made to promote domestic production of EMF instrument instead of relying only on import.



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