

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
CONSERVATION OF LAKES .

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

- (a) the number of existing lakes in the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that due to lack of conservation, these lakes have dried up in the recent past; and
- (c) the steps Government are taking to conserve these lakes?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) The Ministry is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) for conservation and management of polluted and degraded lakes in urban and semi-urban areas of the country. Under the Scheme, the Ministry has so far, sanctioned projects for conservation of 58 lakes identified by the states, at a cost of Rs.883.94 crore.

The proposals for new lakes are considered for sanction subject to their admissibility as per NLCP guidelines, pollution status, prioritization and availability of funds under the Plan. This Ministry has not received any report from the States regarding drying of lakes in the recent past.