GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2920
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2021

Conservation of Ansupa Lake

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

(a) the steps Government has taken for conservation of Ansupa lake, one of the largest freshwater lakes in the country, situated in Cuttack district;
(b) the quantum of funds allocated for conservation of Ansupa lake and under what heads; and
(c) the utilization of such funds and the outcome so far

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has been implementing a centrally sponsored scheme namely, National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Eco-systems (NPCA) for conservation and management of Wetlands in the country including Anusupa, a largest fresh water lake in Odisha. The scheme covers various activities such as interception, diversion and treatment of wastewater, shoreline protection, lake front development, in-situ cleaning i.e. desilting & deweeding, storm water management, bioremediation, catchment area treatment, lake beautification, survey & demarcation, bio fencing, fisheries development, weed control, biodiversity conservation, education and awareness creation, community participation, etc. Under Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017, powers have been delegated to the State Wetland Authority for identification and notification of the wetlands.

(b) An amount of Rs 4.1174 Crores has been sanction and released for Conservation and Management of Anusupa Lake during the period from 2008-09 to 2019-20 under budget head for Grants-in-Aid to Odisha State Government for creation of 'Capital Assets'.

(c) As per the Utilisation Certificate and Progress Report submitted by the State Government of Odisha, the entire funds have been utilized for completion of various project activities which include Desilting near Dahia embankment, Weed Management, Bio-diversity inventory& conservation, Awareness programme, Development & Management of Eco-park at AnusupaLake and Monitoring of hydro-biological parameters.

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