

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 240
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023

Fund spent on lakes in the country

*240. DR. C.M. RAMESH:

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

- (a) whether National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems (NPCA) has made any survey about the number of lakes in the country, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the number of lakes that have been neglected over the years in various States, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of fund spent during the last three years to revive and cleanse those lakes from untreated sewage and on lake dredging to make it pollution free to attract tourists?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)

- (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 240 to be answered on Thursday, the 10th August, 2023 on 'Fund spent on lakes in the country' raised by Dr. C.M. Ramesh.

(a) As per the National Wetland Decadal Change Atlas, 2021 published by Space Applications Centre (SAC), ISRO, Ahmedabad, a total of 2,31,195 wetlands (at 1:50000 scale and area \geq 2.25 ha) have been mapped in the Country. These include lakes/ponds, ox-bow lakes, high altitude & riverine wetlands, waterlogged areas, rivers/streams, tanks, reservoirs, lagoons, creeks, sand beaches, corals, mangroves, mud flats, salt pans, aquaculture ponds, etc. The total wetland area estimated is 15.98 million hectare (mha) including rivers and excluding paddy field areas that is around 4.86% of the geographic area of the country. The State/UT-wise wetland distribution in the country is **annexed**.

(b) & (c) No such information is available. However, while the Central and State Governments take all possible steps for the preservation, conservation and restoration of wetlands, developmental activities and anthropogenic pressures do affect them.

MoEF&CC is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme namely, National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems (NPCA) for conservation and management of wetlands in the country on cost sharing basis between Central Government and respective State Governments. The scheme covers various activities such as interception, diversion and treatment of wastewater, shoreline protection, lake front development, in-situ cleaning i.e., desilting & dewatering, 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 the NPCA scheme, an amount of Rs. 96.76 Crores (central share) have been released to the concerned States/UTs for the conservation and management of 27 wetlands during the last three years.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Starred Q. No. 240 to be answered on 10th August, 2023 on 'Fund spent on lakes in the country'

State-wise wetland distribution in India

S. No.	State/UT	2017-18		
		Number	Area (ha)	Area (% of wetland)
1	Andhra Pradesh	24104	1141606	7.14
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1182	151104	0.95
3	Assam	5902	849078	5.31
4	Bihar	4526	374766	2.34
5	Chhattisgarh	11457	342443	2.14
6	Goa	742	24749	0.15
7	Gujarat	17613	3499429	21.9
8	Haryana	1905	33649	0.21
9	Himachal Pradesh	215	94011	0.59
10	Jharkhand	2635	187045	1.17
11	Karnataka	14936	787127	4.93
12	Kerala	1399	158336	0.99
13	Madhya Pradesh	13947	861736	5.39
14	Maharashtra	25935	1152625	7.21
15	Manipur	132	67408	0.42
16	Meghalaya	225	31002	0.19
17	Mizoram	127	19476	0.12
18	Nagaland	148	21118	0.13
19	Odisha	13331	719942	4.5
20	Punjab	1190	47024	0.29
21	Rajasthan	13321	778824	4.87
22	Sikkim	259	7049	0.04
23	Tamil Nadu	26883	925712	5.79
24	Telangana	12338	566680	3.55
25	Tripura	416	18438	0.12
26	Uttar Pradesh	18555	1104562	6.91
27	Uttarakhand	172	112882	0.71
28	West Bengal	12955	1130127	7.07

29	Andaman&Nicobar	2774	143238	0.9
30	Chandigarh	11	336	0
31	Dadra NagarHaveli	12	2063	0.01
32	Daman and Diu	59	2728	0.02
33	Delhi	123	2773	0.02
34	Jammu & Kashmir	404	164110	1.03
35	Lakshadweep	50	79716	0.5
36	Ladakh	1073	373049	2.33
37	Puducherry	139	5555	0.03
	Total	231195	15981516	100
