

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1319
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2023

Preservation of Ramsar Sites

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

- (a) the total number of Ramsar Sites in the country;
- (b) whether there is a significant increase in Ramsar Sites in the country since 2015, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken for better preservation and protection of these sites?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) & (b) A total of 75 wetlands have been designated as Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar sites) till date, out of which 26 wetlands were designated till 2014 and 49 more wetlands have been designated as Ramsar Sites since 2015. The list of Ramsar sites in India is given in **Annexure-1**.

(c) MoEF&CC has notified the Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017 under the purview of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, which are applicable to all the notified wetlands and Ramsar sites in the country. As per the provisions of these rules, the State/UT Wetlands Authorities have been constituted which are responsible for protection and conservation of wetlands, including Ramsar sites.

In addition, various provisions of acts and rules namely the Indian Forest Act, 1927, the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the State Forest Acts, and the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011, as amended, also stipulate measures for conservation and management of wetlands including Ramsar sites.

MoEF&CC is currently implementing a centrally sponsored scheme namely, National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Eco-systems (NPCA) for conservation and management of wetlands (including Ramsar sites) in the country on cost sharing basis between Central Government and respective State Governments.

Amrit Dharohar is an initiative taken by Government of India in 2023 to promote wise use, unique conservation values and services of Ramsar Sites in India. These include four components such as Species and Habitat Conservation, Nature Tourism, Wetlands Livelihoods, and Wetlands Carbon Assessment. *Amrit Dharohar* is being implemented through convergence of ongoing schemes/programmes of different departments and State Governments.

Annexure-1 referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 1319 to be answered on 14th December, 2023 on 'Preservation of Ramsar Sites'

The list of wetlands designated as Ramsar Sites in India

S. No.	Ramsar Site	State	Date of Designation	Area in ha
A	Wetlands Designated as Ramsar Sites from 1981-2014: 26			
1.	Chilika Lake	Odisha	01-10-1981	116500
2.	Keoladeo National Park	Rajasthan	01-10-1981	2873
3.	Harike Lake	Punjab	23-03-1990	4100
4.	Sambhar Lake	Rajasthan	23-03-1990	24000
5.	Loktak Lake	Manipur	23-03-1990	26600
6.	Wular Lake	Jammu and Kashmir	23-03-1990	18900
7.	Kanjli	Punjab	22-01-2002	183
8.	Ropar	Punjab	22-01-2002	1365
9.	Ashtamudi Wetland	Kerala	19-08-2002	6140
10.	Bhoj Wetland	Madhya Pradesh	19-08-2002	3201
11.	Deepor Beel	Assam	19-08-2002	4000
12.	East Calcutta Wetlands	West Bengal	19-08-2002	12500
13.	Tsomoriri	Jammu and Kashmir	19-08-2002	12000
14.	Bhitarkanika Mangroves	Odisha	19-08-2002	65000
15.	Kolleru Lake	Andhra Pradesh	19-08-2002	90100
16.	Point Calimere Wildlife and Bird Sanctuary	Tamil Nadu	19-08-2002	38500
17.	Pong Dam Lake	Himachal Pradesh	19-08-2002	15662
18.	Sasthamkotta Lake	Kerala	19-08-2002	373
19.	Vembanad-Kol Wetland	Kerala	19-08-2002	151250
20.	Hokera Wetland	Jammu and Kashmir	08-11-2005	1375
21.	Renuka Wetland	Himachal Pradesh	08-11-2005	20
22.	Rudrasagar Lake	Tripura	08-11-2005	240
23.	Surinsar-Mansar Lakes	Jammu and Kashmir	08-11-2005	350
24.	Chandertal Wetland	Himachal Pradesh	08-11-2005	49
25.	Upper Ganga River	Uttar Pradesh	08-11-2005	26590
26.	Nalsarovar	Gujarat	24-09-2012	12000
B	Wetlands Designated as Ramsar Sites from 2015-2023: 49			
27.	Sundarban Wetland	West Bengal	30-01-2019	423000
28.	Nandur Madhameshwar	Maharashtra	21-06-2019	1437
29.	Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary	Uttar Pradesh	19-09-2019	225
30.	Sarsai Nawar Jheel	Uttar Pradesh	19-09-2019	161
31.	Sandi Bird Sanctuary	Uttar Pradesh	26-09-2019	309
32.	Beas Conservation Reserve	Punjab	26-09-2019	6429
33.	Nangal Wildlife Sanctuary	Punjab	26-09-2019	116
34.	Keshopur-Miani Community Reserve	Punjab	26-09-2019	344
35.	Samaspur Bird Sanctuary	Uttar Pradesh	03-10-2019	799
36.	Saman Bird Sanctuary	Uttar Pradesh	02-12-2019	526
37.	Parvati Arga Bird Sanctuary	Uttar Pradesh	02-12-2019	722

38.	Kabartal Wetland	Bihar	21-07-2020	2620
39.	Asan Conservation Reserve	Uttarakhand	21-07-2020	444
40.	Lonar Lake	Maharashtra	22-07-2020	427
41.	Sur Sarovar	Uttar Pradesh	21-08-2020	431
42.	Tso Kar Wetland Complex	Ladakh	17-11-2020	9577
43.	Thol Lake Wildlife Sanctuary	Gujarat	05-04-2021	699
44.	Wadhvana Wetland	Gujarat	05-04-2021	630
45.	Khijadia Wildlife Sanctuary	Gujarat	13-04-2021	512
46.	Haiderpur Wetland	Uttar Pradesh	13-04-2021	6908
47.	Sultanpur National Park	Haryana	25-05-2021	143
48.	Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary	Haryana	25-05-2021	412
49.	Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary	Uttar Pradesh	29-06-2021	2894
50.	Pala Wetland	Mizoram	31-08-2021	1850
51.	Satkosia Gorge	Odisha	12-10-2021	98197
52.	Tampara Lake	Odisha	12-10-2021	300
53.	Ansupa Lake	Odisha	12-10-2021	231
54.	Hirakud Reservoir	Odisha	12-10-2021	65400
55.	Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary	Tamil Nadu	08-11-2021	72
56.	Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary	Tamil Nadu	08-11-2021	260
57.	Sirpur Wetland	Madhya Pradesh	07-01-2022	161
58.	Sakhya Sagar	Madhya Pradesh	07-01-2022	248
59.	Yashwant Sagar	Madhya Pradesh	07-01-2022	823
60.	Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary	Karnataka	15-02-2022	518
61.	Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve	Tamil Nadu	08-04-2022	52672
62.	Vembannur Wetland Complex	Tamil Nadu	08-04-2022	20
63.	Vellode Bird Sanctuary	Tamil Nadu	08-04-2022	77
64.	Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary	Tamil Nadu	08-04-2022	44
65.	Vedanthalgal Bird Sanctuary	Tamil Nadu	08-04-2022	40
66.	Karikili Bird Sanctuary	Tamil Nadu	08-04-2022	58
67.	Pallikaranai Marsh Reserve Forest	Tamil Nadu	08-04-2022	1248
68.	Pichavaram Mangrove	Tamil Nadu	08-04-2022	1479
69.	Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary	Tamil Nadu	08-04-2022	113
70.	SuchindramTheroor Wetland Complex	Tamil Nadu	08-04-2022	94
71.	Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary	Tamil Nadu	08-04-2022	97
72.	Thane Creek	Maharashtra	13-04-2022	6521
73.	Nanda Lake	Goa	08-06-2022	42
74.	Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve	Jammu and Kashmir	08-06-2022	802
75.	Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve	Jammu and Kashmir	08-06-2022	1675
	Total Area			13,26,678

