

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1493**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.02.2026

**Conservation of Lonar lake**

1493. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:

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

- (a) whether meteor crater Lonar lake is facing an unlikely threat of massive rise in water level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by Government for its conservation and also to protect its unique biodiversity and ancient monuments surrounding it?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (c) As reported by the Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, there has been rise in the water level of Lonar crater lake, since 2022. The rise is mainly due to natural reasons like persistent rainfall in the region over an extended period and inflow of water through natural overland and underground streams, which add to the lake.

The Government of Maharashtra, vide its resolution dated 24/08/2021, has constituted the "Lonar Lake Development Committee" for the conservation, preservation and development of Lonar Lake. The Committee primarily monitors development and conservation works pertaining to Lonar lake, carried out by various government agencies like the Forest Department, the Archaeological Survey of India, the Municipal Corporation, the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation, the National Highways Authority of India, the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd, etc. The Forest department has undertaken various conservation and development measures at Lonar Lake including habitat restoration and improvement works, eradication of invasive species from the area, protection works and ecotourism activities for protection of its unique biodiversity. This also includes acquisition of 86 Hectares of Private land around the crater for effective protection and conservation of the Ejecta Blanket of the crater.

The Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai is conducting a comprehensive study to assess the increasing water level of Lonar Lake and its impact on the lake's biodiversity. The Maharashtra Forest department and the local administration are working on immediate measures and plans to regulate and manage the rise in Lake's water level. Further, a committee under the chairmanship of Additional Director General (Conservation), Archaeological Survey of India has been constituted for the conservation and preservation of the protected monuments at the Lonar Crater.

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