

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3123
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2026

Status of migratory birds at Nalabana, bird sanctuary

3123. SHRI SUBHASISH KHUNTIA:

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

- (a) whether Government has recorded the number of migratory birds at the Nalabana Bird Sanctuary during the last five years and if so, the details thereof, year- wise and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether any change in inflow pattern of such birds has been observed and, if so, the nature of such change, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether factors such as climate or ecological variations have been identified as causes and, if so, the findings thereof; and
- (d) whether any conservation measures have been undertaken to safeguard the habitat and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (d) Protection and management of the wildlife including population estimation is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government and Union Territory Administrations.

As informed by the State of Odisha, there has been positive change in inflow of migratory birds recorded in 2026 in comparison to the 2022, in Nalbana Bird Sanctuary. The details of migratory birds recorded during period of 2022 -2026 are as follows:

Year	Number of Migratory Birds
2022	3,58,889
2023	3,42,897
2024	3,47,280
2025	3,43,226
2026	3,97,587

The important steps taken for conservation and protection of habitat in the area includes eradication of invasive weeds, renovation of the creek in sanctuary area for clearing of channels from siltation, fixing of boundary pillars to prevent illegal fishing, raising earthen mounds for perching of migratory birds, patrolling by anti- poaching squads.
