

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1142
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.09.2020

Kusheshwarasthan Bird Sanctuary

1142: SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

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

- (a) whether there is any plan to develop Kusheshwarasthan Bird Sanctuary of Darbhanga district of Bihar, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note of the slow pace of development of the bird sanctuary despite being functional for over 25 years, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has observed the drastic decrease in the number of migrant birds that used to visit the bird sanctuary, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any proposal to conserve and promote this bird sanctuary and develop it as a major tourist spot since the area is a major pilgrimage centre in Bihar; and
- (e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be carried out?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Management Plan of Kusheshwarasthan Bird Sanctuary for development and conservation, has been prepared for the period from 2017-18 to 2026-27.
- (b) The development of any protected area involves conservation and protection of wildlife and habitat which is a continuous process. Accordingly, many developmental works have been taken which include protection (creation of wetland mitra, regular patrolling), community participation (Solar lamp distribution, fishing kit for livelihood) habitat improvement (Di-siltation, weed removal), promotion to popularize Bird Sanctuary etc. Government of India has also sanctioned funds for Kusheshwarasthan Bird Sanctuary under CSS-NPCA Scheme during the last three years are as follows: -

F.Y.	Sanctioned Amount (Rs. in lakh)
2017-18	17.96
2018-19	17.96 (Revalidated)
2019-20	19.40

- (c) No such survey has been conducted by the Bihar Forest Department.
- (d) & (e) The Management Plan of Kusheshwarasthan Bird Sanctuary inter alia includes the conservation of bird sanctuary. The Government has not formulated any proposal for its development as a major tourist spot.
