

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2222
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024

Bhoj Wetland

2222. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Bhoj Wetland in Bhopal faces the threat of being delisted from Ramsar Convention List of wetlands of International importance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government for protecting this wetland; and
- (d) the number of sites added in list across the country during the last three years, State-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) As reported by Madhya Pradesh State Wetland Authority, Bhoj Wetland in Bhopal faces no threat of delisting from Ramsar Convention list of wetlands of International importance.

Further, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has notified the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 as regulatory framework for conservation and management of wetlands across the country to conserve, manage and maintain the ecological character of the wetlands without restricting the wise use. The said Rules inter-alia restrict the activities, like solid waste dumping, discharge of untreated wastes and effluents from industries, cities, towns, villages and other human settlements. Also Govt. of Madhya Pradesh has issued order vide date 16th March 2022 for enforcement of Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 at Bhoj wetland, Bhopal.

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 including Madhya Pradesh, 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.

Based on the proposals received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, this Ministry had sanctioned projects at a total cost of ₹ 432.03 lakhs during 2018-2019 for conservation of Bhoj Wetland in Bhopal and central share of ₹ 200.00 lakhs out of ₹ 259.22 lakhs has been released to Government of Madhya Pradesh for conservation and management of Bhoj wetland.

State-wise details of sites added in list of Ramsar sites across the country during the last three years are given at **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2222 DUE FOR REPLY ON 5/08/2024 REGARDING BHOJ WETLAND RAISED BY SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB.

State-wise details of sites added in list of Ramsar sites across the country during the last three years

	State/Union Territory		Wetland	Date of Designation*
1.	Bihar (2)	1.	Nagi Bird Sanctuary	11-10-2023
		2.	Nakti Bird Sanctuary	11-10-2023
2.	Gujarat (3)	3.	Wadhvana Wetland	05-04-2021
		4.	Thol Lake Wildlife Sanctuary	05-04-2021
		5.	Khijadia Wildlife Sanctuary	13-04-2021
3.	Goa (1)	6.	Nanda Lake	08-06-2022
4.	Haryana (2)	7.	Sultanpur National Park	25-05-2021
		8.	Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary	25-05-2021
5.	Jammu and Kashmir (2)	9.	Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve	08-06-2022
		10.	Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve	08-06-2022
6.	Karnataka (4)	11.	Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary	15-02-2022
		12.	Ankasamudra Bird Conservation Reserve	10-03-2023
		13.	Aghanashini Estuary	14-02-2023
		14.	Magadi Kere Conservation Reserve	14-02-2023
7.	Madhya Pradesh (3)	15.	Sirpur Wetland	07-01-2022
		16.	Sakhya Sagar	07-01-2022
		17.	Yashwant Sagar	07-01-2022
8.	Maharashtra (1)	18.	Thane Creek	13-04-2022
9.	Mizoram (1)	19.	Pala Wetland	31-08-2021
10.	Odisha (4)	20.	Satkosia Gorge	12-10-2021
		21.	Tampara Lake	12-10-2021
		22.	Hirakud Reservoir	12-10-2021
		23.	Ansupa Lake	12-10-2021
11.	Tamil Nadu (15)	24.	Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary	08-11-2021
		25.	Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary	08-11-2021
		26.	Karikili Bird Sanctuary	08-04-2022
		27.	Pichavaram Mangrove	08-04-2022
		28.	Pallikaranai Marsh Reserve Forest	08-04-2022
		29.	Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve	08-04-2022
		30.	Vembannur Wetland Complex	08-04-2022
		31.	Vellode Bird Sanctuary	08-04-2022
		32.	Udhayamarhandapuram Bird Sanctuary	08-04-2022
		33.	Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary	08-04-2022
		34.	Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex	08-04-2022
		35.	Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary	08-04-2022
		36.	Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary	08-04-2022
		37.	Karaivetti Bird Sanctuary	24-05-2023

		38.	Longwood Shola Reserve Forest	24-05-2023
12.	Uttar Pradesh (2)	39.	Haiderpur Wetland	13-04-2021
		40.	Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary	29-06-2021
		40 Ramsar Sites		

* Date of designation is taken as the date of signing of designation letter by the Administrative Authority.
