

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1644
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025

Ramsar Sites in Tamil Nadu

1644. SHRI S JAGATHRATCHAKAN:

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

- (a) the details of the allocation of funds for the protection of Ramsar sites in the country during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise including Tamil Nadu; and
- (b) whether the initiatives taken by the Government have been successful in addressing the degradation faced by the Ramsar sites in the country, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) Under the scheme of 'National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Eco-systems (NPCA)', financial assistance (central share) of Rs. 44.84 crores was provided to the respective States/UTs including Tamil Nadu during last five years for conservation and management of 27 Ramsar sites. The State/UT-wise and year-wise details of these funds are given in the **Annexure.**

(b) In addition to implementation of the centrally sponsored scheme of NPCA, the 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 a regulatory framework for the conservation and management of wetlands (including Ramsar Sites) across the country. These Rules inter-alia, prohibit the solid waste dumping, discharge of untreated wastes and effluents.

In order to promote the unique conservation values of Ramsar Sites, MoEF&CC has launched the Amrit Dharohar Initiative in 2023. The key components are Species and Habitat Conservation, Nature Tourism, Wetlands Livelihoods and Wetlands Carbon Assessment. Various initiatives under Amrit Dharohar such as Floral and Faunal inventory of Ramsar Sites published by BSI and ZSI respectively, Training Module for Nature Guides under the Green Skill Development Programme, Training of 196 local community members as nature guides in collaboration with Ministry of Tourism and series of educational videos developed through NCERT have helped in equipping the stakeholders for better conservation and management of Ramsar sites.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 1644 to be answered on Monday, the 10th March 2025 on 'Ramsar Sites in Tamil Nadu'

(Amount in Rs. lakhs)

| | State/UT | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|-----|-------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2. | Assam | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3. | Bihar | 43.754 | - | - | - | - |
| 4. | Gujarat | 114.558 | - | - | - | 20.58 |
| 5. | Goa | - | - | - | - | - |
| 6. | Haryana | 48.63 | - | - | - | - |
| 7. | Himachal Pradesh | - | - | - | - | - |
| 8. | Jammu and Kashmir | 36.00 | - | - | 900.00 | - |
| 9. | Jharkhand | - | - | - | - | - |
| 10. | Karnataka | - | - | - | - | - |
| 11. | Kerala | - | - | - | - | - |
| 12. | Ladakh | - | - | - | - | - |
| 13. | Madhya Pradesh | 156.06 | - | - | - | - |
| 14. | Maharashtra | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15. | Manipur | - | - | - | - | 100 |
| 16. | Mizoram | 96.85 | 75.35 | 154.212 | 39.47 | 59.20 |
| 17. | Odisha | 410.00 | 537.00 | 165.00 | - | 127.50 |
| 18. | Punjab | - | - | - | - | - |
| 19. | Rajasthan | - | - | - | - | - |
| 20. | Sikkim | 106.20 | - | - | - | - |
| 21. | Tamil Nadu | 137.22 | - | - | - | - |
| 22. | Tripura | 312.83 | - | - | - | - |
| 23. | Uttar Pradesh | 61.70 | 57.84 | 36.53 | - | 107.49 |
| 24. | Uttarakhand | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25. | West Bengal | 429.10 | - | - | - | 149.93 |
| | Total | 1952.90 | 671.02 | 355.75 | 1089.40 | 414.77 |

Grand Total: **Rs 4483.84 lakhs** or say **Rs 44.84 Crores**