

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 52**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025

**Coastal and Wader Bird Census**

52. SMT. POONAMBEN HEMATBHAI MAADAM:

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

- (a) the details of the key objectives of conducting the inaugural coastal and wader bird census in Jamnagar in the State of Gujarat;
- (b) whether any rare, endangered, or previously unrecorded species were observed during the census, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the data gathered during the census will be used in conservation policies and strategies for coastal and wader birds, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) As informed by the State Government of Gujarat, the key objectives of conducting the coastal and wader bird census in Jamnagar in the State of Gujarat are:
  - Monitoring Bird Populations and data collection on the population size, distribution, and diversity of coastal and wader bird species
  - Habitat Assessment regarding factors like food sources, breeding sites etc.
  - Understanding Migratory Patterns regarding migration routes, stopover sites, and wintering grounds and Awareness generation
- (b) Several globally threatened species like Gt Knot, Red Knot, Curlew Sandpiper, Eurasian Curlew, Broad Billed Sandpiper, Bar Tailed Godwit, Black Tailed Godwit, Great Thick Knee, Common Pochard, Dunlin, Oystercatcher, Greater Spotted Eagle, Indian Skimmer were recorded during the census. No previously unrecorded species were observed during this exercise.
- (c) The data obtained during the population assessment exercises for wild animal species are also used as a basis for development of action plans and for management interventions aimed at conserving such species.

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