

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2204
ANSWERED ON 01.08.2025

RESTORATION OF VEMBANAD LAKE PROJECT

2204. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government is aware of the alarming shrinkage of Vembanad Lake from 40,000 hectares to 12,000 hectares and its consequences on local biodiversity and livelihoods, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Cochin Port Trust is proposed to be designated as the implementing agency for restoration of Vembanad Lake project execution under the Sagarmala Programme, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government will consider including the restoration of Vembanad Lake under the Sagarmala Programme, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the recommendations to restore the lake's depth to 4.2 meters will be considered, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the reduction in the lake's storage capacity due to silt accumulation and subsidence has been assessed for its impact on coastal flooding, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) & (b) Cochin Port is only a conservator of the waterbodies coming under the notified limit of Cochin Port. The Vambanad Lake is outside the notified limit of Cochin Port. Cochin Port has not been designated as the implementing agency for restoration of Vembanad Lake project under the Sagarmala Programme.

(c) to (e) No such proposal has been received for consideration under Sagarmala Programme.
