

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 05
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2026

Notification of Ramsar Sites

*5. SMT. SANJNA JATAV:

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

- (a) the total number of Ramsar sites currently notified in the country, State and Union Territory-wise, including district-wise for Rajasthan;
- (b) the details of the new sites included in the Ramsar List during the last three years, year-wise along with the name, locations and key reasons for the selection of these sites;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to designate other wetlands in the country as Ramsar sites, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details regarding the names, area, ecological significance and role in biodiversity conservation of the Ramsar sites located in the Bharatpur region?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA
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'NOTIFICATION OF RAMSAR SITES' RAISED BY SMT. SANJNA JATAV.**

(a) & (b) A total of 100 Ramsar sites (Wetlands of International Importance) have been designated (notified) in the country, till date. These include 25 Ramsar sites designated during 2023 to 2026 till date. The State and Union Territory (UT)-wise and year-wise list of Ramsar sites including district-wise for Rajasthan is given in the **Annexure-A**. The key reason for inclusion of these sites is fulfillment of atleast one of the nine criteria of Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (**Annexure-B**).

(c) MoEF&CC has been advising all the States/UTs from time to time for identifying the potential wetlands to designate as Ramsar sites. The proposals received from the States/UTs are submitted to Ramsar Convention with all the requisite information for their designation as Ramsar sites. Currently, proposals of four new wetlands namely, Glaw Lake (Arunachal Pradesh), Sukhna Wetland (Chandigarh), Gosabara-Mokarsagar Wetland Complex (Gujarat) and Sauj Jheel (Uttar Pradesh) have recently been submitted to the Ramsar Secretariat for their designation as Ramsar sites.

(d) Keoladeo National Park (KNP), covering an area of 2873 ha located in Bharatpur, Rajasthan was designated as Ramsar site on 01-10-1981. KNP provides major wintering ground for migratory birds from Central Asia, including the elusive and endangered Siberian Crane. At least 15 bird species nest at the site, forming an extensive heronry between July and September. Recent assessments indicate the presence of atleast 375 species of angiosperms of which 90 species are wetland species, 350 species of birds, 27 species of mammals, 13 species of reptiles, 7 amphibians, and 43 fishes. Macro-invertebrates too abound in the park. Several species found in KNP have high international conservation value (including the globally endangered and vulnerable species of greater adjutant, hog deer, common pochard, woolly necked stork, sarus crane, lesser adjutant, greater spotted eagle, and smooth-coated otter).

Annexure-A

Annexure-A referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Q. No. 5 to be answered on Monday, the 20th July, 2026 on 'Notification of Ramsar Sites'

RAMSAR SITES OF INDIA

	State/UT		Ramsar site	Date of Designation
1.	Andhra Pradesh (1)	1.	Kolleru Lake	19-08-2002
2.	Assam (1)	2.	Deepor Beel	19-08-2002
3.	Bihar (6)	3.	Kabartal Wetland	21-07-2020
		4.	Nagi Bird Sanctuary*	11-10-2023
		5.	Nakti bird Sanctuary*	11-10-2023
		6.	Gokul Jalashay*	13.05.2025
		7.	Udaipur Jheel*	13.05.2025
		8.	Gogabil Lake*	13.05.2025
4.	Chhattisgarh (1)	9.	Kopra Jalashay*	08.08.2025
5.	Gujarat (5)	10.	Nalsarovar	24-09-2012
		11.	Wadhvana Wetland	05-04-2021
		12.	Thol Lake Wildlife Sanctuary	05-04-2021
		13.	Khijadia Wildlife Sanctuary	13-04-2021
		14.	Chhari Dhand*	16-06-2025
6.	Goa (1)	15.	Nanda Lake	08-06-2022
7.	Haryana (2)	16.	Sultanpur National Park	25-05-2021
		17.	Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary	25-05-2021
8.	Himachal Pradesh (3)	18.	Pong Dam Lake	19-08-2002
		19.	Chandertal Wetland	08-11-2005
		20.	Renuka Wetland	08-11-2005
9.	Jammu and Kashmir (5)	21.	Wular Lake	23-03-1990
		22.	Surinsar-Mansar Lakes	08-11-2005
		23.	Hokera Wetland	08-11-2005
		24.	Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve	08-06-2022
		25.	Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve	08-06-2022
10.	Jharkhand (1)	26.	Udhwa Lake Bird Sanctuary*	08-01-2024
11.	Karnataka (4)	27.	Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary	15-02-2022
		28.	Ankasamudra Bird Conservation Reserve*	10-03-2023
		29.	Aghanashini Estuary*	14-02-2023
		30.	Magadi Kere Conservation Reserve*	14-02-2023
12.	Kerala (3)	31.	Asthamudi Wetland	19-08-2002
		32.	Sasthamkotta Lake	19-08-2002
		33.	VembanadKol Wetland	19-08-2002
13.	Ladakh (2)	34.	Tso Kar Wetland Complex	17-11-2020
		35.	Tsomoriri Lake	19-08-2002
14.	Madhya Pradesh (5)	36.	Bhoj Wetlands	19-08-2002
		37.	Sirpur Wetland	07-01-2022
		38.	Sakhya Sagar	07-01-2022
		39.	Yashwant Sagar	07-01-2022
		40.	Tawa Reservoir*	08-01-2024

15.	Maharashtra (3)	41.	Nandur Madhameshwar	21-06-2019
		42.	Lonar Lake	22-07-2020
		43.	Thane Creek	13-04-2022
16.	Manipur (1)	44.	Loktak Lake	23-03-1990
17.	Mizoram (1)	45.	Pala Wetland	31-08-2021
18.	Odisha (6)	46.	Chilka Lake	01-10-1981
		47.	Bhitarkanika Mangroves	19-08-2002
		48.	Satkosia Gorge	12-10-2021
		49.	Tampara Lake	12-10-2021
		50.	Hirakud Reservoir	12-10-2021
		51.	Ansupa Lake	12-10-2021
19.	Punjab (6)	52.	Harike Lake	23-03-1990
		53.	Kanjli Lake	22-01-2002
		54.	Ropar Lake	22-01-2002
		55.	Beas Conservation Reserve	26-09-2019
		56.	Keshopur - Miani Community Reserve	26-09-2019
		57.	Nangal Wildlife Sanctuary	26-09-2019
20.	Rajasthan (5)	58.	Keoladeo National Park (Bharatpur District)	1-10-1981
		59.	Sambhar Lake (Jaipur District)	23-03-1990
		60.	Menar Wetland Complex* (Udaipur District)	19-02-2025
		61.	Khichan wetland* (Phalodi District)	19-02-2025
		62.	Siliserh Lake* (Alwar District)	07.07.2025
21.	Sikkim (1)	63.	Khachodpalri wetland*	15-07-2024
22.	Tamil Nadu (20)	64.	Point Calimere Wildlife and Bird Sanctuary	19-08-2002
		65.	Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary	08-11-2021
		66.	Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary	08-11-2021
		67.	Karikili Bird Sanctuary	08-04-2022
		68.	Pichavaram Mangrove	08/04/2022
		69.	Pallikaranai Marsh Reserve Forest	08-04-2022
		70.	Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve	08-04-2022
		71.	Vembannur Wetland Complex	08-04-2022
		72.	Vellode Bird Sanctuary	08-04-2022
		73.	Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary	08-04-2022
		74.	Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary	08-04-2022
		75.	Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex	08-04-2022
		76.	Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary	08-04-2022
		77.	Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary	08-04-2022
		78.	Karaivetti Bird Sanctuary*	24-05-2023
		79.	Longwood Shola Reserve Forest*	24-05-2023
		80.	Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary*	16-01-2024
		81.	Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary*	16-01-2024
		82.	Sakkarakottai Bird Sanctuary*	15-07-2024
		83.	Therthangal Bird Sanctuary*	15-07-2024

23.	Tripura (1)	84.	Rudrasagar Lake	08-11-2005
24.	Uttar Pradesh (13)	85.	Upper Ganga River	08-11-2005
		86.	Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary	19-09-2019
		87.	Parvati Arga Bird Sanctuary	02-12-2019
		88.	Saman Bird Sanctuary	02-12-2019
		89.	Samaspur Bird Sanctuary	03-10-2019
		90.	Sandi Bird Sanctuary	26-09-2019
		91.	Sarsai NawarJheel	19-09-2019
		92.	Sur Sarovar	21-08-2020
		93.	Haiderpur Wetland	13-04-2021
		94.	Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary	29-06-2021
		95.	Patna Bird Sanctuary*	04-12-2025
		96.	Sheikha Jheel Bird Sanctuary*	19-01-2026
		97.	Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary*	19.01.2026
25.	Uttarakhand (1)	98.	Asan Conservation Reserve	21-07-2020
26.	West Bengal (2)	99.	East Calcutta Wetlands	19-08-2002
		100.	Sundarban Wetland	30-01-2019
26. States & UTs		100 Ramsar Sites		

***25 new wetlands designated as Ramsar sites during the year from 2023 to till date.**

Annexure-B

Annexure-B referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Q. No. 5 to be answered on Monday, the 20th July, 2026 on 'Notification of Ramsar Sites'

Criteria for designating a wetland as a Ramsar site

(A) Sites containing representative, rare or unique wetland types

Criterion 1. If it contains a representative, rare, or unique example of a natural or near-natural wetland type found within the appropriate biogeographic region.

(B) Criteria based on species and ecological communities

Criterion 2. If it supports vulnerable, endangered, or critically endangered species; or threatened ecological communities.

Criterion 3. If it supports populations of plant and/or animal species important for maintaining the biological diversity of a particular biogeographic region.

Criterion 4. If it supports plant and/or animal species at a critical stage in their life cycles, or provides refuge during adverse conditions.

(C) Specific criteria based on water birds

Criterion 5. If it regularly supports 20,000 or more water birds.

Criterion 6. If it regularly supports 1% of the individuals in a population of one species or subspecies of waterbirds.

(D) Specific criteria based on fish

Criterion 7. If it supports a significant proportion of indigenous fish subspecies, species or families, life-history stages, species interactions and/or populations that are representative of wetland benefits and/or values and thereby contributes to global biological diversity.

Criterion 8. If it is an important source of food for fishes, spawning ground, nursery and/or migration path on which fish stocks, either within the wetland or elsewhere, depend.

(E) Specific criteria based on water/life and culture

Criterion 9. If it is an important source of food and water resource, increased possibilities for recreation and eco-tourism, improved scenic values, educational opportunities, conservation of cultural heritage (historic or religious sites).
