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Title: Need for adequate funds for revival of various types of water bodies in Kerala and declare the Vellayani Lake and surrounding areas as a Biodiversity Heritage Zone.

DR. SHASHI THAROOR (THIRUVANANTHAPURAM): It is unfortunate that the Vellayani Lake, Aakkulam Lake, Parvathi Puthannaar Canal and other water bodies in Thiruvananthapuram that have extensive potential to be used for drinking, tourism, navigation and other purposes are either choked, stagnant, drying up or under severe threat.

Laden with violations, they are burdened with illegal and unscientific constructions on their banks, landfilling, encroachment, sand mining and irrational applications of drinking water systems. The detrimental sewage waste from the dwellings, pesticides and other industrial chemical waste have critically damaged their basic ecosystem and quality of water, thereby severely impacting their biodiversity.

The Ministry is requested to constitute an inspection board to review the grave situation and to spearhead conservation programmes for the revival of the water bodies by allocating sufficient funds. It is also requested that urgent steps be taken to declare the Vellayani Lake and surrounding areas as a Biodiversity heritage Zone.

माननीय अध्यक्ष: कुँवर पुष्पेन्द्र सिंह चन्देल को डॉ. शशि थरूर द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है ।