

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1285
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PROTECTION OF CHILKA BIRD SANCTUARY IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Union Government are planning to take any steps for protecting the biggest bird sanctuary `Chilka` in Orissa;
- (b) if so, whether any excavation and desiltation work is being taken by the Union Government under ITDC; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) The Government of India provides financial assistance to Orissa for conservation and development of ChilkaBird sanctuary . During the ninth five year plan financial assistance provided for construction of earthen mounds, digging of old creeks, digging of water ponds, purchase of boats, planting of dry branch cuttings, fixing of sand through plantations, erection of watch towers and catchment area treatment island under centrally sponsored schemes is given below:

Rs in lakhs

	97-98	98-997	99-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Development of National Parks and sanctuaries	7.2	6.9	21.7	23.06	

(Revalidated) 11.5

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Wetlands Conservation Programme	-	-	35.98	55.0 6.84

(b) As informed by the Ministry of Tourism, no excavation and desiltation work is being taken up by ITDC.

(c) Does not arise.