

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

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RESTORATION OF ECOLOGY OF CHILKA LAKE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been any proposals to set up a task force to restore the ecology of Chilka lake in Orissa;
- (b) if so, whether the task force has been set up;
- (c) if so, the details of works assigned to the said force; and
- (d) the steps taken by the task force to restore the ecological balance of the said largest blue lagoon in Asia?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) Chilka Development Authority has been constituted for restoring ecology of Chilka lake in Orissa by undertaking conservation activities like catchment area treatment, fisheries development, biodiversity conservation, weed control, community participation, education awareness, etc. for which financial assistance is provided by Government of India. They have also set up two units of Task Force at Balugaon and Satpada under the control of District Magistrate to curb activities like unauthorized encroachment of shrimp culture, violation of State Marine Fisheries Regulation and Wildlife Protection Act. So far, this task force has removed unauthorized encroachments of shrimp culture from an area of 6965 hectare during 2002-03.