

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

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SAFETY OF DUL LAKE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to provide any assistance to save the famous Dul Lake in Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) to (c) A scheme of National Lake Conservation Plan covering 10 urban lakes including the Dal lake was formulated in December, 1997 at an estimated cost of Rs. 637 crore. However, Government did not approve the scheme as a whole and gave `in principle` approval to the Dal lake component only. Government also released an amount of Rs. 25 crore during 1997-98 to the State Government for advance preparatory measures including acquisition of land. The work of preparation of a detailed project report on the Dal Lake Conservation Plan has been assigned to the Roorkee University. This report will be completed by August, 2000.