

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

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BIRDS SANCTUARIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the migration of birds to sanctuaries from other parts of the globe has decreased considerably due to unfavourable conditions at birds sanctuaries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a Committee has been constituted to review the working of birds sanctuaries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIS. REGUPATHY)

- (a) & (b) This Ministry has reports of only Siberian Cranes not being sighted at Keoladeo National Park, Rajasthan during the last several years. Factors attributed to the decline of Siberian Cranes, inter alia, include habitat degradation, water scarcity, war in countries falling in the migratory routes, hunting en route, etc.
- (c) No, Sir. Central Government has not set up any such Committee to review the working of bird Sanctuaries.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) The initiatives taken by Government of India to protect wildlife including migratory birds, inter alia, include the following:
 1. Important migratory species of birds have been included in the Schedules of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 thereby according them legal protection.
 2. Financial and technical assistance are provided to the State/UT Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme – Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries for the protection and development of habitats of migratory birds.