

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CONSERVATION OF LAKES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a decline in the number of Lakes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has chalked out any plan for their conservation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the targets fixed and the achievements made thereunder; and
- (f) the details of lakes taken up/proposed to be taken up during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (e) The Ministry is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) since June, 2001 for conservation and management of polluted and degraded lakes in urban and semi-urban areas of the country. Under this Scheme, the Ministry has so far, sanctioned projects for conservation of 57 lakes identified by the states, at an estimated cost of Rs. 856.76 crore. The total outlay under the XI Plan towards the NLCP Scheme is Rs.440 crore. As regards decline in number of lakes in the states, the Government has not received any such information.

(f) The new lakes taken up for conservation under the NLCP during the XI Plan include, Shivpuri lakes in Madhya Pradesh, Magadi lakes in Bangalore Rural and Amanikere lake in Tumkur(Karnataka), Siddeshwar lake in Solapur (Maharashtra), Adi Ganga in South 24 Parganas (West Bengal), Anasagar lake and Pushkar sarovar in Ajmer (Rajasthan) and Fatehsagar lake & Pichola lake system in Udaipur (Rajasthan). The proposals for new lakes are considered for sanction subject to their admissibility as per NLCP guidelines, pollution status, prioritization and availability of funds under the Plan.