

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

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DEATH OF BIRDS IN KEOLADEO SANCTUARY

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

- (a) whether a number of birds have died and their nests have been destroyed recently due to shortage of water in the Keoladeo Sanctuary in Bharatpur of Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether similar incidents have occurred in other sanctuaries of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) As reported by the State Government, the nests of a few birds were damaged due to shortage of water in the Keoladeo National Park. The shortage of water lead to abandoning of the nests by parent birds and predation by natural predators.
- (c) To improve the water availability in the Park, four pumps are operating to maintain the habitat for winter migratory birds.
- (d) No such incidents have been reported from any other sanctuary of the country.
- (e) Does not arise.