

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

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

- (a) the total number of Important Bird Areas (IBAs) located in the country, State-wise and its main activities thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government is providing or proposes to provide any assistance to the State Governments to identify IBAs and to conserve the same;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) As per BirdLife International, there are 465 Important Bird Areas in India. State-wise details of Important Bird Areas are at Annexure. The Important Bird Areas Programme of BirdLife International aims to identify, monitor and protect a global network of Important Bird Areas for the conservation of the world's birds and other biodiversity. Important Bird Areas are identified, monitored and protected by national and local organisations and individuals.

(b),(c)&(d) The Union/State Governments do not identify the Important Bird Areas and these are identified by the BirdLife International. The Ministry provides financial assistance to Protected Areas under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes including for the Important Bird Areas if the same are Protected Area or wetlands.