

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL LAKE CONSERVATION PLAN

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

- (a) the progress made so far in each State/Union Territory under the Centrally Sponsored National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) during each of the last three years;
- (b) the amount allocated and utilised by each State/UT under the plan during the above period;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to include more lakes under the plan during the current Five Year Plan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Ministry is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) for conservation and management of polluted and degraded lakes in urban and semi-urban areas of the country on 70:30 cost sharing basis between the Central Government and the State Governments.

Based on the proposals received from different states, the Ministry has so far sanctioned projects for conservation of 61 lakes in 14 States, at a total cost of Rs.1028.19 crore. State-wise details of projects sanctioned along with approved costs and funds released during last three years, are annexed.

(c) & (d) In order to identify polluted and degraded lakes, a study was carried out. A list of 62 lakes across the country, requiring conservation, was prepared under the study. The State Governments were asked to review this list and to prioritize the lakes in their States, for preparation of proposals under NLCP.

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.