

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

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LAKE CONSERVATION

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various State Governments for conservation of those lakes which are not under National Lake Conservation programme (NLCP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the names of lakes, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to include those lakes under NLCP for their conservation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the funds sanctioned/released for those lakes;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether any target has been fixed under NLCP; and
- (g) if so, the details of the achievements made so far including the funds released during the Tenth and Eleventh Five Year Plans?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) 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 proposals received from different states, projects for conservation of lakes are considered for sanction, subject to their admissibility as per NLCP guidelines, pollution status, prioritization and availability of funds under the Plan. The Ministry up to March, 2010 has sanctioned projects for conservation of 59 lakes in 14 States, at a total cost of Rs.1008.26 crore. A State-wise list of projects sanctioned under NLCP is at Annexure-I. The Proposals received from the states, which did not meet the guidelines of NLCP are at Annexure-II.

(f) & (g) Rs.164.50 crore during X Plan and Rs.152.16 crore during XI Plan (up to March, 2010), have been released to various State Governments for implementation of sanctioned projects. So far works in 18 lakes have been completed.