

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

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FUNDS FOR CONSERVATION OF BINDU-SAGAR LAKE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned funds for conservation of Bindu-Sagar Lake in Bhubaneswar, Odisha;
- (b) if so, the total cost of the project and funds released so far;
- (c) whether the funds released have actually been spent; and
- (d) if so, by when the balance funds will be released?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) to (d) This Ministry is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Lake Conservation Plan for conservation and management of polluted and degraded lakes in urban and semi-urban areas of the country on 70:30 funding pattern.

Under the scheme, the Ministry has sanctioned a project 'Conservation and Management of Bindusagar lake' in Bhubaneswar (Orissa), at a cost of Rs.3.36 crore in March, 2006. Out of the Government of India's share of Rs.2.35 crore, an amount of Rs.2.21crore has been released to Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), the implementing agency for project, which is more than ninety percent of Government of India's contribution. As per the utilization certificates submitted by BMC, the amount released so far has been fully utilized. Release of balance funds will be upon project completion.