

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

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

- (a) whether the Government have taken any steps to clean up project for Loktok Lake in Manipur;
- (b) whether 'Phumdis' that destroy the lake have been cleared so far from the Loktok surface of Loktok Lake area; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the total expenditure so far incurred upon the Loktok Project?

Answer

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

(a) to (c). Loktak Lake is one of 115 wetlands identified under the National Wetlands Conservation Programme under which 100% financial assistance is given for various conservation activities. So far, an amount of Rs. 7.54 crores has been released to Manipur Government, which include an amount of Rs 1.78 crores spent for removal of Phumdis.

Apart from this, a project entitled "Conservation and Management of Loktak and associated wetlands integrating Manipur River basin" has been sanctioned to the state government by the Planning Commission in March, 2009 at a total cost of Rs. 373.99 crores. The total expenditure incurred till August, 2011 is Rs. 210.69 crores, out of which an expenditure of Rs. 107.22 crores is on Phumdis management.