

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

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

- (a) whether various fresh water lakes are under threat due to pollution;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of fresh water lakes in the country;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to protect and preserve the fresh water lakes of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount sanctioned for their protection, lake-wise and State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Ministry is implementing the scheme of National Lake Conservation Plan

(NLCP) since June, 2001 for conservation and management of polluted and degraded lakes in urban and semi-urban areas of the country, through an integrated ecosystem approach.

Under the scheme, through a study, this Ministry had identified 62 lakes in the country for conservation, details of which were shared with the State Governments for prioritization and amendments, if any. A number of States have submitted prioritization and proposals for conservation of lakes in their States.

(c) & (d) The Ministry has so far, sanctioned projects for conservation of 61 lakes at a total cost of Rs.1031.18 crore. Details of the projects sanctioned by this Ministry under the NLCP are at Annexure-I.