

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

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POLLUTION IN LAKHA BANJARA POND
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the water of historical Lakha Banjara pond in Madhya Pradesh is getting polluted;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the funds sanctioned/allocated and expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Sagar Lake in Madhya Pradesh (also known as Lakha Banjara Pond) was reported to be polluted due to various point and non point sources in its catchment. There being no sewerage system, waste water from adjacent residential and commercial areas, enter the water body through open drains.

(c) & (d) Based on the proposal (Detailed Project Report) submitted by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, Ministry has sanctioned the project 'Abatement of Pollution and Environmental Improvement of Sagar Lake' in March, 2007 under the National Lake Conservation (NLCP), at a cost of Rs.21.33 crores on 70:30 funding pattern. Out of the Government of India share of Rs.14.93 crore, an amount of Rs.4.00 crore has since been released for implementation of the project. Total expenditure on the project during last three years is reported to be Rs. 1.08 crore.