

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROTECTION OF BIRDS IN SANCTUARY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

he details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government and the Wildlife Board for the protection of Birds in the Bharatpur Sanctuary of Rajasthan facing water scarcity?

Answer

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

Following are the important steps taken by the Government for augmentation of water supply for protection of birds in the Keoladeo National Park, Bharatpur, Rajasthan:

(i) A project costing Rs.65.00 crore has been undertaken for supply of water to Keoladeo National Park from Goverdhan drain by laying of pipelines from Santruk village to Keoladeo National Park for a distance of about 17.1 km and water resource augmentation within the National Park area. The work of laying of pipeline has been completed and test of water flowing into the Park has been done during September 2012.

(ii) About 216 million cubic feet (mcft) and 234 mcft of water was made available from the traditional source, i.e., Panchana Dam during the year 2010-11 and 2012-13 respectively. The State Board for Wildlife has recommended that the water supply from the Panchana dam be made available every year on sustained basis.

(iii) In pursuance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Empowered Committee in the approval of Chambal- Dholpur drinking water project, a quantity of 310 mcft water has been received in the Keoladeo National Park in the year 2012-13 upto February 2013.