

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

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CONSERVATION OF DAL LAKE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has sanctioned Rs.300 crores for the clean-up of the Dal Lake in Srinagar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in cleaning this Lake;
- (c) whether any comparative water analysis survey since the launch of the project has been carried out;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the mechanism evolved by the Government to monitor the progress of this task?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) The project of 'Conservation & Management Plan for Dal-Nagin Lake in Srinagar', J&K was sanctioned in September, 2005 for Rs. 298.76 crore under the National Lake Conservation Plan of the Ministry of Environment & Forests. Works relating to various components of the project namely, sewerage system and sewage treatment plants, hydraulic works, solid waste management, catchment area treatment, dredging and de-weeding, shore-line development works, public awareness & participation, etc. are under execution by J&K Lakes & Waterways Development Authority (J&K LWDA), the State implementing agency for the project. An amount of Rs. 160.01 crore has been made available so far by Government of India to the implementing agency, against which an expenditure of Rs. 141.89 crore has been incurred till the end of October, 2009. Three sewage treatment plants having a total treatment capacity of 15.2 mld (million litres per day) have been commissioned. The overall physical progress of the project till end of October, 2009 is 48%.

(c) to (e) Analysis of the water quality of the lake is being regularly carried out by the J&K LWDA and State Pollution Control Board. The water quality of the lake in terms of some critical parameters viz. dissolved oxygen, nitrogen & phosphorous loads has shown improvement over the years since the start of the project.