

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any plan for conservation of the Khadar area on both sides of Yamuna river in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the importance of conservation of Khadar area of the said river in terms of availability of ground water?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI DEEPA DASMUNSHI)

(a)&(b) : Delhi Development Authority has formulated structure plan of the Khadar area on both sides of Yamuna River in Delhi. The salient features of this structure plan are:

Structure Plan has been developed on the basis of a Value Analysis that was done through study of site & other factual data.

The areas which are closer to habitation with high movement corridors, easy approach to Public and where cultural and religious activities take place are areas of Low Biodiversity Potential and thus, have been proposed as Public Recreation Zone.

Areas with rich potential of existing wetlands and flora of the river basin are proposed to be preserved as Protective Biodiversity Zones.

The area of moderate potential which will give people a chance to interact with the Riverine Ecosystem are designated as the Interactive Biodiversity Zones.

All the above three zones are proposed to be interconnected by Green Linkages which will not only act as wildlife movement corridor and habitat but also provide a buffer to sensitive Biodiversity areas.

(c): The question does not arise in view of the reply at (a) and (b) above.

(d): It is important to conserve the Khadar area as it is the re-charge area for ground water resource and this area helps in improving the quality of water that gets re-charged through natural process.