

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DEPLETION OF NATURAL ZONES IN NCR
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an alarming depletion of Natural Conservation Zones like forests, water bodies and waste land in National Capital Region (NCR) over the past few years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the measure taken/proposed to be taken to prevent the depletion of such zones?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.VENKAIHA NAIDU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. As per the analysis done by National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) in conjunction with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), Department of Space, Government of India, using Satellite Imageries, there exist variations in the Natural Conservation Zones (NCZ) as contained in the Regional Plan-2021, which was notified in 2005 as compared to the land use analyzed in 2012. These variations and changes in NCZ are as follows:

NCR Participating States	NCZ Area Variation
NCT-Delhi	-15.43%
Uttar Pradesh	-43.88%
Rajasthan	-11.18%
Haryana	-25.97%

The Board has sent notice under section 29(2) of the NCRPB Act, 1985 to the National Capital Region participating States pointing out the above variations.