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Title : Need to save the ecology of Vembanad Lake in Kerala.

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMATHITTA): Vembanad Lake, which is the Asia's largest backwater lake, needs immediate attention. It is an internationally important ecosystem with aquatic importance and rich flora and fauna.

Vembanad Lake is presently polluted, the inhabitants around the lake are suffering from water-borne diseases and the density of water is considerably low.

The protection of Vembanad lake needs the conservation of four rivers – Pampa, Meenachil, Manimala and Achamkovil. Though a plan namely Pampa Action Plan has been drafted to save river Pampa, but there are no such schemes to save other rivers.

As the livelihood of one lakh fishermen and the drinking water availability of five lakhs inhabitants will be seriously affected, I request the Central Government to urgently intervene on this environmental issue.