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Title : Need to allocate funds for protection of Sasthankota Lake in Kollam district of Kerala.

SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): I would like to mention that Sasthankota lake is one of the natural and biggest lake in Kerala, which is situated at Kollam district. This lake is facing serious problem due to absence of environmental protection. At present, there is no mechanism for protection of this lake. Waste water and other wastes are thrown into this lake. So the lake is losing its purification.

The people of this area as well as environmental activists have a long standing demand to clean and upgrade this lake at national level and the side of the lake should be planted with trees for beautification of this lake.

The State Government of Kerala have submitted a proposal to the Union Government to allocate funds to implement various schemes for protection of this lake. But, so far, no action has been taken by the Union Government. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has to look into the proposal and allocate sufficient funds for the protection of this lake.

I urge upon the Union Government to clear the proposal of State Government of Kerala and allocate sufficient funds for protection of the Sasthankota Lake in Kollam district, Kerala.