

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2035
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2018

Central Asian Flyway Action Plan

2035. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched Central Asian Flyway Action Plan recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objective behind the move;
- (c) whether the Government has set any time-frame for implementation of action plan and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of bird species that will be prioritized under the action plan; and
- (e) whether the Government has identified wetlands and wetland clusters for conservation as they are the congregation sites for several migratory water bird species and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a), (b) and (c) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has launched the 'National Action Plan for conservation of migratory birds along the Central Asian Flyway'. The Action Plan emphasizes on coordinated efforts of all relevant stakeholders in conservation of migratory birds.

India provides a critical stopover as well as wintering habitats to more than 370 species of migratory birds and for ensuring healthy populations of the migratory species in India, within their range across the Central Asian Flyway, this National Action Plan has been developed. The Action Plan has been prepared for a period of five years.

(d) The following 20 species of migratory birds have been prioritized under the National Central Asian Flyway Action Plan:

1. Eurasian Curlew (*Numenius arquata*)
2. Crab Plover (*Dromas ardeola*)
3. Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*)
4. Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*)
5. Red Knot (*Calidris canutus*)
6. Long-toed Stint (*Calidris subminuta*)
7. Indian Skimmer (*Rynchops albicollis*)
8. Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus roseus*)
9. Lesser Flamingo (*Phoenicoparrus minor*)
10. Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*)
11. Little Stint (*Calidris minuta*)
12. Lesser Sand plover (*Charadrius mongolus*)
13. Black-bellied Tern (*Sterna acuticauda*)
14. Great Knot (*Calidris tenuirostris*)
15. Common Pochard (*Aythya ferina*)
16. Yellow-breasted Bunting (*Emberiza aureola*)
17. White-headed Duck (*Oxyura leucocephala*)
18. Ferruginous Duck (*Aythya nyroca*)
19. European roller (*Coracias garrulous*)
20. Sociable Lapwing (*Vanellus gregarius*)

(e) The details of wetlands and wetland clusters prioritized for conservation of migratory water birds under the National Central Asian Flyway Action Plan is at **Annexure-1**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2035 REGARDING 'CENTRAL ASIAN FLYWAY ACTION PLAN' RAISED BY SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE, DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT, SHRI DHAHAHJAY MAHADIK, SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO, DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN, SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM AND SHRI SATAV RAJEEV DUE FOR REPLY ON 21.12.2018

Details of wetlands and wetland clusters prioritized for conservation of migratory water birds under the National Central Asian Flyway Action Plan

Sr.	State	Significant Wetlands	Significant Wetland Cluster
1	TamilNadu	Point Calimere & Great Vedaranyam Swamp Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park & Adam's Bridge Karaivetti Bird Sanctuary Pallikaranai	Suchindram Theroor Vembanoor Manakudi Estuary Saltpans of Puthalam & Kovalam
2	Puducherry	—	Ousteri Lake Bahour Lake Kaliveli Tank
3	AndhraPradesh	Kolleru Pulicat Coringa	—
4	Odisha	Chilka Bhitarkanika	—
5	Maharashtra	Jaikwadi Gangapur Dam and Grassland Nandur Madhmeshwar	Mahul Sewri Mudflats Alibaugh Thane Creek Uran
6	Gujarat	Nal Sarover	Khijadia Marine National

			Park and Wildlife Sanctuary
7	Madhya Pradesh	Karera (Dihaila Jheel and Other Wetlands)	Halali Reservoir Bhoj (Upper Lake)
8	West Bengal	Sundarbans Farakka Barrage and Adjoining Areas	-----
9	Rajasthan	Keoladeo Sambhar	Alniya Dam Bardha Dam RamSagar (Hindoli)
10	Punjab	Harike	----
11	Himachal Pradesh	Pong Dam	-----
12	Assam	-----	Majuli Island Pani- Dihing Sibsagar Tanks
13	Uttar Pradesh	-----	Kurra Jheel Saman
14	Jammu & Kashmir	-----	Haigam Rakh Hokarsar Mirgund Jheel
