

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3378
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2020

Migratory Birds

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that more than 500 species of migratory birds come to India but their number has declined due to effects of climate change and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the migratory birds are heading towards other colder countries in the absence of favourable weather in India and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is formulating any plan for conservation of such birds and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there has been a sharp decline in the number of migratory birds in Gogabeel lake of Bihar and other birds sanctuaries in Delhi NCR, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan due to change in habitat of birds owing to developmental activities near bird sanctuaries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

- (a) Government is aware that about 460 species of migratory birds come to India, however, there is no report of decline of bird species.
- (b) There is no evidence that birds are heading towards colder countries in absence of favourable weather in India.
- (c) A Central Asian Flyway National Action Plan (2018-2023) was launched in 2018 with a goal of conserving migratory species and the habitats

(d) to (e)

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has not undertaken any assessment in the fluctuation in number of migratory birds over different time periods.
