

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:120
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2003
CONSERVATION OF LAKES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of lakes is declining in the country constantly;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government have chalked out any plan for their conservation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the targets fixed and the achievements made thereunder; and
- (f) the details of lakes taken up/to be taken up under the said plan during 2003-04 alongwith fund allocation, lake-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 120 to be answered on Monday, the 28th July, 2003 on Conservation of Lakes

(a) to (e) The Government of India is implementing the programme of National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) for conservation and management of various lakes and tanks. The NLCP was initiated in June, 2001. Till 2002-03, projects for conservation of 20 lakes were approved at a total estimated cost of Rs. 72.61 crore. The lakes approved under the programme are Vengaihkere, Kamakshilpya, Nagavara, Jarganahalli, Bellandur & Kotekere in Karnataka, Powai & 9 lakes of Thane in Maharashtra, Mansagar in Rajasthan, Ooty & Kodaikanal in Tamil Nadu and Rabindra Sarovar in West Bengal. The work in respect of Powai Lake is nearing completion and the progress of Ooty lake is about 40%.

(f) So far during 2003-04, four lakes of Nainital District (Uttaranchal) have been approved. These are Bhimtal (Rs.10.74 crore), Naukuchiatal (Rs.2.32 crore), Sattal (Rs.1.22 crore) and Khurpatal (Rs.1.77 crore). The total estimated cost of these projects is Rs.16.85 crore.