

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1109
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POWAI LAKE
GULAM MEHMOOD BANATWALLA

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the water level of the Powai Lake, Mumbai, has substantially dropped due to the degradation and pollution in the lake;
- (b) if so, whether the ecology of the area has suffered much adverse impact due to quarrying and other activities in the area;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures contemplated by the Government for protecting the environment?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Powai lake has been receiving domestic sewage and other wastes from the catchment area. There are other non-point sources of pollution to the lake namely, open defecation around the water body, washing of vehicles in the lake etc. Flow of untreated domestic waste water and other non-point sources of pollution have led to a large scale proliferation of algae and water hyacinth. Large scale construction activities are reported to be in progress in catchment area leading to further siltation of the lake.

(d) Powai lake is one of the 10 identified urban lakes for conservation under the National Lake Conservation Plan. The estimated cost of which is Rs. 637 crore. The National Lake Conservation Plan has not yet been approved by the Government.