

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2133  
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DECLINING NUMBER OF MIGRATORY BIRDS IN ORISSA  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the decline in the arrival of migratory birds into Chilka lake in Orissa during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the reasons for the decline in their arrival to that lake; and
- (d) the remedial steps taken thereon and to stop the poaching of migratory birds in Chilka lake?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) As reported by State Government of Orissa, there is no evidence of any decline in the arrival of migratory birds to Chilka lake.
- (b) & (c) Does not arise.
- (d) The measures being taken by the State Government to stop poaching of migratory birds in Chilka lake are as follows :
  1. Assistance of local Fishermen Co-operatives is being taken for prevention of poaching, poisoning and trapping of birds.
  2. 22 Bird Protection Committees have been formed in the villages surrounding the lake.
  3. 33 vulnerable points have been identified where poaching/trapping of birds had been earlier reported and a control room set up.
  4. Regular patrolling by forest officials is being carried out and is further reinforced during the congregation season.