

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1739
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SILTING OF SUKHNA LAKE
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the regular silting of Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh and wild growth therein have reduced the lake to almost half of the original water body; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to de-silt the lake effectively and restore it to its original position ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR HEAVEY INDUSTRIES, PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) Due to siltation, the surface area of the Lake has reduced from 2.5 Sq.km to 1.5 Sq.km. and area so silted up has been declared as Reserve Forest.

(b) The ingress of silt into the Lake has been effectively checked by construction of sedimentation tanks in front of Regulator gates and at the Confluence of Suketri & Kansal choes. Annual desilting by mechanical machinery during dry season is also being done.