

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

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

- (a) whether more than 4000 birds mostly pelicans and pelican like birds have made "Kokkare Bellure" in Karnataka their home;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the period of their stay; and
- (c) the measures taken for their safety?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. About 4000 birds of two varieties i.e. Pelicans and Painted Storks stay at Kokkare Bellure, Mandya district of Karnataka for 6-8 months (October to June). Details of number of migratory birds arriving during the last 6 years is placed at Annexure - I.

(c) The villagers do not disturb the migratory birds during the breeding in tree tops which are situated in private holdings. To instill awareness and cooperation, the Karnataka Forest Department pays incentives ranging from Rs.250/- to Rs.900/- annually to the concerned farmers, depending upon the number of trees used by the birds, amounting to a total of about Rs.50,000/- per annum. The incentive is paid for not cutting the branches of trees and not picking fruits during the period of nesting and breeding by the birds.