

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1748
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PROTECTION OF LAKE
Rajendran Shri P.

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

- (a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal to preserve and protect the single fresh water lake at Sasthamcottah;
- (b) if so, the details, thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has given any grant therefore; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. Sasthamkottah has been identified as one of the wetlands under National Wetland Conservation Programme. A proposal has been received from Kerala Government for conservation of this wetland in 1999.
- (b), (c) & (d) So far, an amount of Rs. 36.85 lakhs has been released to the Government of Kerala for conservation of this wetland for activities like Agroforstry, Pollution abatement, Weed control, Fisheries development, Catchment area treatment, Education & awareness, etc.