

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

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

- (a) whether a number of migrant birds have arrived in Ghana Birds Sanctuary at Keoladev, Rajasthan this year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for the continuous decline in the number of migrant birds arriving here;
- (d) whether the Government is considering any scheme for this place to make it more attractive for migrant birds; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. As per the information received from the State Government of Rajasthan, several species of migratory birds are reported from Keoladeo National Park during this season. These include Grey leg geese, Bar headed geese, Ruddy shelduck, Common teal, Wigeon, Common pochard, Tufted pochard, Gadwell Showeller, Coots, Common crane, Eagle, Falcon, Shikra, Harriers, White tailed lapwing and several species of waders and arboreal birds.

(c) Deficiency of water in the wetlands of the Park is the main reason for the decline in the number of migratory birds arriving there.

(d)&(e) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme '-Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries', the Government of India provides financial and technical assistance to the Rajasthan government for the conservation and development of Keoladeo National Park. Various activities for which assistance is provided include habitat enrichment, weed eradication, wetland development, infrastructure development etc.