

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2228  
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APPROVAL OF BENI SAGAR PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Beni Sagar Project (Lake Conservation Project) in Panna district of Madhya Pradesh is pending with the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said project is likely to be accorded approval?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) A Detailed Project Report on 'Conservation and Management Plan of Beni Sagar Lake' in Panna District of Madhya Pradesh was submitted to this Ministry by the Lake Conservation Authority of Madhya Pradesh in September, 2006. In order to consider the proposals under the National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP), the Ministry had identified certain lakes and the State Governments were requested to consider this list for prioritizing lakes for consideration under the Plan. The Beni Sagar Lake was neither identified by this Ministry nor included in the priority list by the Government of Madhya Pradesh. The Lake Conservation Authority of Madhya Pradesh has been informed accordingly.

The proposals for new lakes are considered subject to their admissibility as per NLCP guidelines, prioritization, pollution status and availability of funds under the Plan.