

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1055  
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ECO CONSERVATIOIS OF VEMBANAD LAKE  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps for the Eco-Conservatiba of Vembanad Lake;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has sanctioned any financial assistance for Vembanad Action Plan ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b). Vembanad Lake in Kerala has recently been identified as one of the wetlands under National Wetland conservation programme in December, 2005 for conservation and management. The lake has been declared as a Ramsar site in 2002.

(c),(d)&(e). So far. no financial assistance has been provided to Kerala Govt for Eco-Conservation of Vembanad Lake. Since this wetland has recently been identified under National Wetland Conservation Programme, the State Government of Kerala will be advised to submit a comprehensive Management Action Plan for its long term conservation.