

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that lakhs of migratory birds known as the Red legged Falcon use to visit the Barak valley near Tamenglong between November and December every year;
- (b) if so, whether a large number of this migratory bird are killed by the local villagers and sold in the market of Tamenglong town;
- (c) if so, the measures taken to protect the bird and its habitat alongwith the funds earmarked its protection;
- (d) whether the Government has proposed to declare Barak river bank near Tamenglong as a Bird Sanctuary; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

- (a) &(b) As informed by the State Government, the migratory birds used to visit Barak Valley near Tamenglong every year. However, no record of their number and species has been maintained by them. Also, the State Government has not received reports of killing of birds for sale in the market.
- (c) The birds and their habitat are provided protection under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. Financial assistance is provided to the State Government under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries` on demand driven basis and on the basis of Annual Plan of Operation submitted by the State Government every year.
- (d) &(e) An area of 21 sq. kms near the Barak river has been notified as Bird Sanctuary under Section 18 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.