

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *286
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.07.2019

Revival of Lakes

*286. DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that three important lakes in Srinagar namely Ancharsar, Khoshalsar and Gilsar are on the verge of extinction;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to allocate funds for the revival of the said lakes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

- (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 286 to be answered on Friday, the 12th July, 2019 on 'Revival of Lakes ' raised by Dr. Farooq Abdullah.

(a) & (b) As informed by the J&K Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (LAWDA), three important lakes in Srinagar namely Ancharsar, Khoshalsar and Gilsar lakes are facing threats of pollution from untreated sewage.

(c) & (d) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) is currently implementing a centrally sponsored scheme namely, National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems (NPCA) for conservation and management of identified wetlands in the country on cost sharing basis between Central Government and respective State Governments.

The central assistance is based on the proposals received from the State Governments in conformity with the guidelines and budget availability. The scheme covers various activities such as interception, diversion and treatment of wastewater, shoreline protection, lake front development, in-situ cleaning i.e. desilting & dewatering, storm water management, bioremediation, catchment area treatment, lake beautification, survey & demarcation, biofencing, fisheries development, weed control, biodiversity conservation, education and awareness creation, community participation, etc.

No proposal for revival of these three lakes has since been received from the State Government of J&K.
