

### Bird conservation

1513. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to strengthen bird conservation in the country and the details of efforts made in this regard; and

(b) the details of leading non-Governmental organizations, in Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, associated with bird conservation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The important steps and efforts taken by the Government for conservation of birds include:

- (i) Rare and endangered species of birds have been included in the Schedule-I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 thereby affording them highest degree of protection.
- (ii) Hunting of birds included in the Schedules of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 is prohibited.
- (iii) Important bird habitats have been declared as Protected Areas so as to protect the species as well as their habitats.
- (iv) Financial & technical assistance is provided to the State/UT Governments for protection and management of wildlife including birds and their habitats.
- (v) India is a signatory to the international conventions like Convention on Migratory Species, Ramsar Convention, etc for better conservation of migratory birds and their habitats including wetlands.
- (vi) Research and monitoring activities on birds are promoted by the Government of India through reputed organizations/institutions.

(b) Some leading Non Government Organizations (NGG's) in the States of Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, associated with bird conservation are given in the Statement.

**Statement**

*Some leading Non Government Organizations (NGO) in the States of  
Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and  
Tamil Nadu associated with bird conservation*

Sl.No.	Name of State	Name of NGO
1.	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Environment and Landscape Protection Society, Himalayan Nature & Environment Preservation Society, Rural Centre for Human Interests, Society for Development and Environment Protection etc.
2.	Karnataka	Nature Conservation Foundation, Ashoka Trust for Research and Education, North Karnataka Birders Network, etc.
3.	Madhya Pradesh	Samrat Vikramaditya Research Institute, Environment Conservation Society, SRISHT.
4.	Orissa	Wild Orissa, Wildlife Society of Orissa, ASTHA, Action for Protection of Wild Animals etc.
5.	Tamil Nadu	M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Natural History Trust, Zoo Outreach Organization, Nature Trust, Dhan Foundation, Nature Club, Arulagan, Nilgiri Wildlife and Environment Association etc.

**Status of glaciers**

1514. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge part of a glacier about 1 km. from Green land have fallen in sea and other glaciers are also developing cracks and if they follow suit, can impact on coastal cities of India;