

during the Tenth Plan is Rs. 220 crore. So far 26 lakes have been included<sup>1</sup> for conservation under the National Lake Conservation Plan. These are as under:

Sl.No.	State	Lakes
1.	Maharashtra	Powai, 9 lakes of Thane
2.	Tamil Nadu	Ooty, Kodaikanal
3.	Karnataka	4 lakes of Bangalore (Jaraganahalli, Kamakshipalya, Nagavara and Vengainahakere), Bellapdud, Kotekere, Bhishma.
4.	Uttaranchal	Nainital, Bhimtal, Sattal, Naukuchiatal, Khurpatal
5.	West Bengal	Rabmdra Sarovar
6.	Rajasthan	Mansagar

The State Governments have been asked to prioritize and submit Detailed Project Reports for selected lakes in their State, which shall be taken up under the National Lake Conservation Plan depending upon their pollution status and availability of funds.

(b) and (c) Funds amounting to Rs. 38 lakh have been provided by the Ministry for conservation of Nal Sarovar Lake in Gujarat. Government of Gujarat has not sent any proposal for conservation of Kankaria, Lakhota and Hamirsar lakes to the Ministry.

#### **Shrinking of Dal Lake**

1136. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Asia's largest freshwater Dal Lake in Srinagar is shrinking;

(b) whether it is a fact that the tributaries connected with the Dal Lake and the Jhelum river have been turned into cesspools and Nagin Lake is more or less a marsh now; and

(c) if so, the steps Government plan to take to restore the original beauty of 'paradise on earth'?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The Dal-Nagin lakes have been shrinking in area due to various reasons like siltation, increased urbanisation and polluted inflow from peripheral areas. Additional Central Assistance of Rs. 102.45 crore has been provided till date by the Planning Commission to the J&K Government for conservation of the lake, out of which the State Government has spent Rs. 89.38 crore on various activities relating to dredging, deweeding, catchment area treatment solid waste management, sewerage system and sewage pumping stations, improvement of lake hydrology and hydraulics, lake eco-regeneration, rehabilitation of families acquisition of land and structures inside the lake etc. A project proposal amounting to Rs. 269.45 crore has also been prepared for conservation of the Dal-Nagin lakes.

**Losses in Forests Plantation Development Corporation Ltd.**

1137. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Forests Plantation Development Corporation Ltd., the PSU under his Ministry is consistently running in losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for losses of the Corporation; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to remove the bottlenecks and revive this Corporation on priority?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Forests Plantation Development Corporation Ltd. was established on 21 January, 1977. It was in profit upto 1997-98 and during 1999-2000. It has run in losses during 1998-99, 2000-01 and thereafter.