

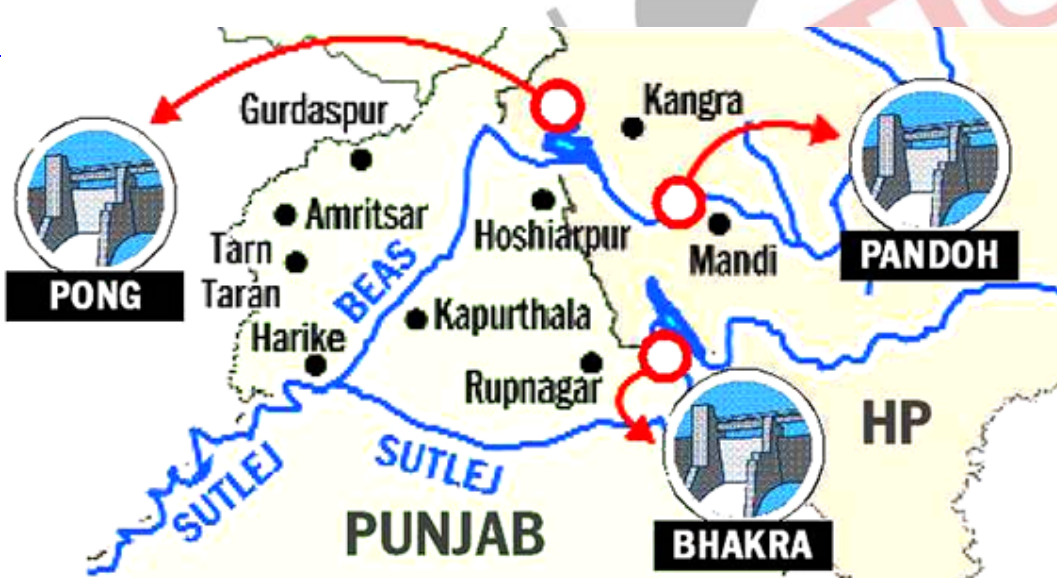


## Pong Dam Wildlife Sanctuary

The Union Ministry of Environment and Forests has recently issued a draft notification declaring an area of one kilometre from the boundaries of [Pong Dam Wildlife Sanctuary](#) in Kangra district, Himachal Pradesh as an [eco-sensitive zone](#).

- The Pong Dam Wildlife Sanctuary is located around the **Pong Dam Lake(also known as Maharana Pratap Sagar)**, a **manmade reservoir** formed due to the construction of the Pong Dam on the [Beas River](#).
  - The Pong Dam is the **highest earth-fill dam in India** and was constructed in 1975. In 1983, the entire reservoir was declared a Wildlife Sanctuary by the Himachal Pradesh government.
  - In 1994, the Government of India declared it a "**wetland of national importance**". Pong Dam Lake was declared as a [Ramsar Site](#) in 2002.
- The sanctuary area is covered with [tropical and subtropical forests](#).

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