

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 51
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024

SETTING UP OF ECO-PARKS

51. DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) total number of eco-parks set up in the country including Maharashtra during last five years, year-wise;
- (b) details of initial amount of funds allocated and the extra funds needed to complete each eco-park project;
- (c) whether Government plans to set up new eco-parks to promote eco-tourism in mining areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated funds required for the same; and
- (e) whether the revenues earned from eco-parks and mining tourism is used to develop the mining areas for the living conditions of the locals and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): Coal/Lignite Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) have established 16 Eco-Parks/Mine Tourism Sites during the last 5 years including one Eco-Park/Mine Tourism Site in the State of Maharashtra. The State-wise and year-wise details of total number of Eco-Parks/Mine Tourism Sites developed by Coal/Lignite PSUs during last five years and details of initial amount of funds allocated by Coal/Lignite PSUs and the extra funds needed to complete each eco-park project are given at Annexure – I.

(c) & (d): The details of new Eco-Parks/Mine Tourism Sites of to be developed by Coal/Lignite PSUs, along with estimated funds, are given at Annexure – II.

(e): Eco-parks/Mine Tourism Sites are developed by Coal/Lignite PSUs as a part of reclamation/plantation, to boost local tourism and promote conservation in mining areas and not for revenue earning. However, Kenapara Eco-park of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), Chhattisgarh is run and maintained by local Self-Help Groups to promote mine-tourism. The Self-Help Groups are also earning revenues from floating restaurant, pisciculture and boating facilities of the eco-parks for their livelihood.

Annexure – I

State-wise and year-wise details including amount of project cost of Eco-Parks/Mine Tourism Sites set up by Coal/Lignite PSUs during the last 5 years

Sl. No.	Financial Year	State	Name of the Eco-Park	Project Cost excluding maintenance cost (₹ in Lakh)	Extra Project Cost (₹ in Lakh)
1.	2019-20	Chhattisgarh	Kenapara Eco Park, SECL	420.00	79.00
2.	2020-21	Jharkhand	Parasnath Udyaan, BCCL	57.20	-
3.	2020-21	Tamil Nadu	Mine-I Eco- Park, NLCIL	328.00	-
4.	2021-22	Madhya Pradesh	Modwani Dam Eco Park, NCL	400.00	-
5.	2021-22	Madhya Pradesh	Nigahi Eco Park, NCL	270.00	-
6.	2021-22	Madhya Pradesh	Rose Garden Eco-Park, Jayant, NCL	621.00	62.00
7.	2021-22	Odisha	Chandrashekhar Azad Eco Park, MCL	189	-
8.	2021-22	Madhya Pradesh	Bal Gangadhar Tilak Eco Park, WCL	255.00	-
9.	2021-22	Tamil Nadu	Mine-II Eco- Park, NLCIL	288.00	-
10.	2022-23	Jharkhand	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Eco Park (Ashok Vatika), BCCL	20.45	-
11.	2022-23	Jharkhand	Govardhan Eco park, BCCL	33.56	-
12.	2022-23	Odisha	Utkal Upavan, MCL	168.00	-
13.	2022-23	West Bengal	Madhuvan Urja Vatika, ECL	73.76	21.48
14.	2023-24	Telangana	GK OC Eco-Park, SCCL	476.00	-
15.	2023-24	Maharashtra	Neem Vatika Eco Park, WCL	88.00	8.80
16.	2023-24	Uttar Pradesh	CS Azad Eco Park, Bina NCL	1161.14	-

Details of new Eco-Parks/Mine Tourism Sites of Coal/Lignite PSUs (to be developed) along with estimated project cost

Sl. No.	State	Name of New Eco-Park	Project Estimate (₹ in Lakh)
1.	Chhattisgarh	Manikpur Eco- Park, SECL	1111.00
2.	Chhattisgarh	Eco Nature Park, SECL	2131.00
3.	Chhattisgarh	Oxygen Park, SECL	871.00
4.	Jharkhand	B&K Eco-Park, CCL	253.00
5.	Jharkhand	Dhori Eco-Park, CCL	1233.00
6.	Jharkhand	Kathara Eco-Park, CCL	410.00
7.	Jharkhand	Piparwar Eco-Park, CCL	909.00
8.	Jharkhand	CRS Barkakana Eco-Park, CCL	143.00
9.	Jharkhand	Barka-Sayal Eco-Park, CCL	738.00
10.	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh Eco-Park, CCL	931.00
11.	Jharkhand	N K Area Eco-Park, CCL	287.00
12.	Jharkhand	A&C Area Eco- Park, CCL	574.00
13.	Jharkhand	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Eco-Restoration Park (Govindpur Area), BCCL	17.70
14.	Jharkhand	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Eco Park, Moonidih, WJ Area, BCCL	127.03
15.	Madhya Pradesh	Block-B Eco- Park, NCL	1200.00
16.	Madhya Pradesh	Butterfly Park, NCL	400.00
17.	Odisha	Jagannath Vatika in Rani Park, MCL	599.00
18.	Rajasthan	Barsingsar Eco- Park, NLCIL	200.00
19.	Telangana	Srirampur Eco-Park, SCCL	175.00
20.	Telangana	Ramagundam OC-II Eco-Park, SCCL	353.00
21.	Uttar Pradesh	Khadia Eco-Park, NCL	400.00
22.	West Bengal	Jhanjra Eco-Tourism Park, ECL	1051.07
23.	West Bengal	Sonepur Bazari Eco-Park, ECL	500.00
24.	West Bengal	Salanpur Eco- Park, ECL	300.00
