

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 851
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024

SETTING UP OF ECO-PARKS

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Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of eco-parks set up in the country including West Bengal during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of the initial amount of funds allocated and the extra funds needed to complete each eco-park project;
- (c) whether the 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, MINES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) & (b): Coal/Lignite Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) have established 16 Eco-Parks/Mine Tourism Sites during the last 5 years. No fund has been allocated by the Government for Eco-Parks/Mine Tourism Sites. Expenditure on establishment, maintenance and upkeep of Eco-Parks/Mine Tourism Sites are done by the respective Coal/Lignite PSUs. The State-wise and year-wise details of project cost of these Eco-Parks/Mine Tourism Sites of Coal/Lignite PSUs are given at Annexure – I.

(c) & (d): The details of new Eco-parks of Coal/Lignite PSUs, along with estimated project cost, are given at Annexure – II.

(e): Eco-parks/Mine Tourism Sites are developed by Coal/Lignite PSUs to boost local tourism and promote conservation in mining areas. These are meant for recreational purpose of nearby localities and no revenue is earned from the Eco-parks/Mine Tourism Sites. 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-park for their livelihood.

Annexure – I

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

Sl. No.	Financial Year	State	Name of the Eco-Park	Project 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	278.00	-
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	8.81
16.	2023-24	Uttar Pradesh	CS Azad Eco Park, Bina NCL	1161.00	-

Annexure – II**Details of new Eco-parks of Coal/Lignite PSUs 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	2589.00
3.	Chhattisgarh	Oxygen Park, SECL	210.00
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	147.80
19.	Telangana	Srirampur Eco-Park, SCCL	200.00
20.	Uttar Pradesh	Khadia Eco-Park, NCL	400.00
21.	West Bengal	Jhanjra Eco-Tourism Park, ECL	1091.00
22.	West Bengal	Sonepur Bazari Eco-Park, ECL	500.00
23.	West Bengal	Salanpur Eco- Park, ECL	300.00
