

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 288
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021**

Tourism in Coal Mining Areas

No. 288 SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to promote tourism in coal mining areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government to develop tourism in the coal mining area

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COAL, MINES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)**

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) & (c) : For promoting mine tourism, Coal and lignite companies under Ministry of Coal have explored and conceptualized plans for beautification of existing parks in their command area and creation of new eco-parks and mine tourism sites in reclaimed mining areas, which include water bodies, artificial underground tunnels, avenues for recreation, adventure, water sports, bird watching etc.

In order to promote tourism in mining areas, coal and lignite companies are also roping in Tourism Development Corporations of respective States to integrate the developed eco-parks/mine sites with the local tourism circuit.

Details of completed and upcoming eco-parks/mine-tourism sites are tabulated below:

COMPLETED ECO-PARKS/MINE TOURISM SITES			
Sl.	Eco Park	Name of PSU	State
1	Gunjan Ecological Park	CIL/ECL	West Bengal
2	Jhanjra Eco Park		
3	Kalidaspur Biodiversity Park		
4	Dihi Park		
5	Beliabathan Agnibena Eco-Park		
6	Gokul Eco-cultural Park	CIL/BCCL	Jharkhand
7	Parasnath Udyaan		
8	Vrindavan eco-park		
9	Tetulmari Bio diversity Park		
10	Kayakalp vatika Piparwar	CIL/CCL	Jharkhand
11	Ananya Vatika	CIL/SECL	Chhattisgarh
12	Bishrampur Tourism Site		
13	Saoner Eco Park, Nagpur Area	CIL/WCL	Maharashtra
14	Coal Heritage Park & Museum	CIL/NEC	Assam
15	Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Memorial Children’s Park		
UPCOMING ECO-PARKS/MINE TOURISM SITES			
Sl.	Eco Park	Subsidiary	State
1	Jhanjra Eco-park	CIL/ECL	West Bengal
2	Ashok Vatika Eco-Park	CIL/BCCL	Jharkhand
3	Govardhan Eco-Park		
4	Orient Eco-Park	CIL/MCL	Odisha
5	Lilari Eco-park		
6	Balanda Eco-park		
7	Beautification of Modwani Dam, Jayant	CIL/NCL	Madhya Pradesh
8	Nigahi Eco - park, Bareja Pond		
9	Chander Shekhar Azad Eco Park, Bina Project		Uttar Pradesh
10	Mine-II Eco-tourism Park	NLCIL	Tamil Nadu
ECO-PARKS/SITES UNDER EXPANSION			
1	Gunjan Ecological Park	CIL/ECL	West Bengal
2	Parasnath Udhyan	CIL/BCCL	Jharkhand

3	Kayakalp Vatika	CIL/CCL	Jharkhand
4.	Mine-I Eco-tourism Park	NLCIL	Tamil Nadu