

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3369
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023

ECO PARKS AND MINE TOURISM

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Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) the details including the number of eco parks set up in each State, year-wise during the last five years;
- (b) the details of the time taken, 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 needed for the same; and
- (e) whether the revenues earned from eco parks and mine 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 PSUs have established 15 Eco-parks during the last 5 years. No fund has been allocated by the Government for Eco-parks. Expenditure on establishment, maintenance and upkeep of Eco-parks are funded by respective Coal/Lignite PSUs. The State-wise and year-wise details of Eco-parks, including the details of completion time, initial amount of fund allocated by Coal/Lignite PSUs and the extra funds needed are given at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The details of estimated funds for new eco-parks by Coal/Lignite PSUs are given at Annexure-II.

(e) No. Eco-parks were developed by Coal/Lignite PSUs for recreational purpose of nearby localities and no revenue earned from these Eco-parks is spent on development of the mining areas. However, Kenapara Eco-Park, SECL, Chhattisgarh is run and maintained by local Self-Help Groups to promote mine tourism. These Self-Help Groups are also earning revenues from floating restaurant, pisciculture and boating facilities of the Kenapara Eco-park for their livelihood.

Annexure-I

State-wise and year-wise details of eco parks set up by Coal/Lignite PSUs during the last five years:

Sl. No.	Financial Year	State	Name of the Eco-Park	Completion Time (in days)	Fund Allocated (₹ in lakh)	Extra Fund (₹ in lakh)
1.	2019-20	Chhattisgarh	Kenapara Eco Park, SECL	548	197.00	-
2.	2020-21	Jharkhand	Parasnath Udyaan, BCCL	365	57.00	-
3.	2020-21	Tamil Nadu	Mine-I Eco- Park, NLCIL	182	328.21	-
4.	2021-22	Madhya Pradesh	Modwani Dam Eco Park, NCL	365	400.00	-
5.	2021-22	Madhya Pradesh	Nigahi Eco Park, NCL	180	97.86	-
6.	2021-22	Madhya Pradesh	Bal Gangadhar Tilak Eco Park, WCL	166	255.00	-
7.	2021-22	Tamil Nadu	Mine-II Eco- Park, NLCIL	365	287.82	-
8.	2022-23	Jharkhand	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Eco Park, BCCL	730	20.45	-
9.	2022-23	Jharkhand	Govardhan Eco park, BCCL	730	22.70	4.31
10.	2022-23	Odisha	Chandrashekhar Azad Eco Park, MCL	387	278.00	-
11.	2022-23	Odisha	Utkal Upavan, MCL	270	168.00	-
12.	2022-23	West Bengal	Madhuvan Urja Vatika, ECL	120	73.76	21.48
13.	2022-23	Telangana	GK OC Eco-Park, SCCL	730	474.00	-
14.	2023-24	Maharashtra	Neem Vatika Eco Park, WCL	227	88.00	8.80
15.	2023-24	Uttar Pradesh	CS Azad Eco Park, NCL	730	1161.14	-

Annexure-II**Details of new eco parks to be set up by Coal/Lignite PSUs along with estimated funds:**

Sl. No.	State	Name of New Eco-Park	Estimated Fund (₹ in Lakh)
1.	Chhattisgarh	Manikpur Eco- Park, SECL	1111.00
2.	Chhattisgarh	Eco Nature Park, SECL	2464.00
3.	Chhattisgarh	Oxygen Park, SECL	210.00
4.	Jharkhand	B&K Eco-Park, CCL	252.00
5.	Jharkhand	Dhori Eco-Park, CCL	1233.00
6.	Jharkhand	Kathara Eco-Park, CCL	409.00
7.	Jharkhand	Piparwar Eco-Park, CCL	909.00
8.	Jharkhand	CRS Barkakana Eco-Park, CCL	143.00
9.	Jharkhand	Barka-Sayal Eco-Park, CCL	737.00
10.	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh Eco-Park, CCL	1196.00
11.	Jharkhand	N K Eco-Park, CCL	287.00
12.	Jharkhand	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Eco-Restoration Park, BCCL	14.40
13.	Madhya Pradesh	Block-B Eco- Park, NCL	1200.00
14.	Madhya Pradesh	Butterfly Park, NCL	400.00
15.	Odisha	Jagannath Vatika, MCL	600.00
16.	Rajasthan	Barsingsar Project Eco- Tourism Park, NLCIL	147.80
17.	Telangana	Srirampur Open Cast-II Eco-Park, SCCL	50.00
18.	Uttar Pradesh	Khadia Eco-Park, NCL	400.00
19.	West Bengal	Jhanjra Eco-Tourism Park, ECL	1051.00
