

Fifteen Eco-Parks Constructed in five years by Coal/Lignite PSUs ; 19 more to come up in different States

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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.

The details of estimated funds for new eco-parks by Coal/Lignite PSUs are given at Annexure-II.

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:

S I . No.	Financial Year	State	Name of the Eco-Park	Completion Time (in days)	F u n d 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	M a d h y a Pradesh	Modwani Dam Eco Park, NCL	365	400.00	-
5.	2021-22	M a d h y a Pradesh	Nigahi Eco Park, NCL	180	97.86	-
6.	2021-22	M a d h y a 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 (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

This information was given by Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Shri Pralhad Joshi in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

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