

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:198
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2008
DEVELOPMENT OF NATURE PARKS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to develop Nature Parks in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the number of such parks developed so far, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to provide financial assistance to private parties for the development of such Parks;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the total funds allocated during the last three years for this purpose, State-wise and Year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 198 DUE FOR REPLY ON 12-3-2008 REGARDING `DEVELOPMENT OF NATURE PARKS`.

(a) to (e) Central Government does not have any specific proposal to develop `Nature Parks` in the country. However, financial assistance is provided to State Governments, educational institutions, research organizations and NGOs for the development of Botanical Gardens. Similarly, financial assistance is also provided for the development and management of recognized public sector Zoos in the country. The details of such Botanical Gardens and recognized public sector Zoos in the country and the financial assistance provided by the Central Government for their management and development during the last three years are at Annexure.