

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:825  
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PAPIKONDA AS NATIONAL PARK  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether an empowered committee had recently visited Papikonda National Park;
- (b) if so, the observations/recommendations of the committee regarding the park;
- (c) whether the State of Karnataka has sought any financial assistance for development of the park;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) & (b) The Central Empowered Committee of the Hon'ble Supreme Court had visited Papikonda Wildlife Sanctuary between 28-7-2006 and 1-8-2006. The Report of the Central Empowered Committee is under sub judice before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- (c) The Papikonda Wildlife Sanctuary is in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The Government of Karnataka has not sought any financial assistance for the development of this park.
- (d) & (e) Does not arise.