

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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TASK FORCE ON DEVELOPMENT OF WASTELAND  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the task force constituted to examine the private sector participation in the development of wasteland in the .country has submitted its report;
- (b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the task force; and
- (c) if not, the time by which the Task Force is likely to submit its report?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL):

(a) to (c) A 9-Member Task Force headed by Secretary (Rural Development) with representatives from Reserve Bank of India, NABARD, States etc. was constituted in March 2002 to suggest measures for promoting involvement of credit financial institutions to mobilize additional funds for wastelands/ watershed development projects. The Task Force held several meetings and a draft report was prepared, which was discussed in the last meeting of the Task Force held on 26.12.2002. The draft report is to be modified to incorporate the various suggestions of the Members at the meeting. The Task Force is likely to finalise the report in 6 months.