

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

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TASK FORCE FOR AFFORESTATION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted any task force for afforestation in ravines of the country; and
(b) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has constituted the National Level Task Force for Rehabilitation of Ravines Lands vide Notification dated 5th December, 05 which is as under:-

- (i) Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Chairman, Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi,
- (ii) Additional Director General of Forests (FC) Member Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi,
- (iii) Inspector General of Forests (NAEB), Member Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi
- (iv) Dr. Ashwani Kumar, UP Forest Department Member
- (v) Shri Ramesh Rawal, BAIF, Member
- (vi) Dr. Prem Shankar Pathak, Member Retd. Director, IGFR, Jhansi, U.P
- (vii) Deputy Inspector General of Forests, Member Secretary Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi

2. The term of Task Force is two years.

3. The Terms of Reference of the Task Force are:

- (i) Planning, monitoring and evaluation of rehabilitation work in Ravenous areas,
- (ii) Recommending the project proposals to the National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board (NAEB) after examination,
- (iii) To formulate the Research and Development work for the rehabilitation of ravenous areas.

4. The Task Force has its first meeting on 2.1.2006 in which the suggestions was made to adopt Watershed approach for the rehabilitation of Ravenous areas and the Task Force also suggested to conduct a study report for the developing the technique for the rehabilitation.