

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4278  
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2000  
NATIONAL WASTELAND DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Wasteland Development Board is functioning with its full strength;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the members of the present Board; and
- (d) the details of projects which are undertaken under the Wasteland Development Scheme?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT LAND RESOURCES)

(A RAJA)

(a) to (c) The composition of the National Wasteland Board (reconstituted as on 31.12.1998) is given at Annexure . Since the term of the nominated members of the board has expired, it cannot be said to be functioning with its full strength.

(a) 73 projects covering an area OF 7.01 lakh hectares involving a total cost of Rs.280.40 crore have been sanctioned under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), during the year 1999-2000.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4278 due for reply on 20.4.2000

Composition of Reconstituted National Wastelands Development Board

(as on 31.12.1998)

Ex-officio Members :

- 1.Minister for Rural Areas & Employment Chairman
  
- 2.Member, Planning Commission Member
  
- 3.Secretary, D/o. Agriculture and Cooperation Member  
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
  
- 4.Secretary, D/o. Rural Development Member  
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
  
- 5.Secretary, D/o. Agricultural Research & Member  
Education,  
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
  
- 6.Secretary, D/o. Expenditure Member  
North Block, New Delhi.
  
- 7.Secretary, M/o. Environment and Forests Member

8. Secretary, M/o. Science and Technology Member

9. Secretary, D/o Animal Husbandry and Dairying Member

10. Chairman (NABARD) Member

Nominated Members :

(i) Members of Parliament

11. Shri Gordhanbhai Javia Member  
Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)  
C/o Lok Sabha Secretariat  
Parliament House, New Delhi.

12. Shri Bhagaban Majhi Member  
Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)  
C/o Rajya Sabha Secretariat  
Parliament House, New Delhi.

(ii) Non-official NGOs, Cooperative Institutions

13. Mrs. Nirmala Buch Member  
E-4/17, Girish Kunj  
Arera Colony, Bhopal.

14. Dr. G. Hedge  
President  
Bhartiya Agro Industries Ltd.  
Dr. Mani Bhai Desai Nagar  
National Highway No.4  
Warje, Pune-411029.

15. Shri Anil Aggarwal Member  
Director, Centre for Science and Environment,  
41-Tughlakabad Industrial Area  
Near Batra Hospital  
New Delhi-110062.

16. Shri Arunkumar C. Patil Member  
'Arunodaya'  
Chandrashekar Patil Nagar  
Gulbarga-585102

17. Shri S. Parameshwarappa Member  
189, 12th Cross 3rd main  
RMV-II Stage  
Bangalore-560094.

(iii) Three Development Commissioners from three different States

18. Development Commissioner      Member  
Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad

19. Development Commissioner      Member  
Govt. of Bihar, Patna

20. Development Commissioner      Member  
Govt. of Assam, Guwahati

Member Secretary :

21. Secretary      Member Secretary  
D/o Wastelands Development  
M/o Rural Areas & Employment  
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.