

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a Task Force on development and management of wasteland in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any draft policy has been prepared by this Force so far; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.M. PATIL)

- (a) No Sir. However, a Task Force headed by Secretary (Rural Development) is looking into measures for promoting involvement of credit/financial institutions in mobilization of additional funds for wastelands/watershed development.
- (b) to (d) Does not arise.