

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3156  
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ECO-TASK FORCE  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formed Eco Task Forces in the States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the funds allocated so far, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Eco-Task Forces (ETF) Battalions are raised for eco-restoration of degraded areas through afforestation and related activities in remote and difficult areas with the involvement of ex-servicemen. There are six ETF Battalions supported by Ministry of Environment and Forests in four States. The expenditure incurred by the Ministry of Defence for these Battalions is reimbursed by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

The details and the funds reimbursed in the 11th Five Year plan are provided below:

Sl. No.	Name of Battalion	State	Funds Reimbursed to Ministry of Defence (Rs. in lakh)
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1	127 Inf. Bn(TA)	Eco Uttarakhand	812.81
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2	130 Inf. Bn(TA)	Eco	
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3	128 Inf. Bn(TA)	Eco Rajasthan	1006.24
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4	129 Inf. Bn(TA)	Eco Jammu & Kashmir	366.42
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5	134 Inf. Bn(TA)	Eco Assam	785.40
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6	135 Inf. Bn(TA)	Eco	
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