

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.561

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2019

ECO-TASK FORCE

561. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h
be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of the deployment of Eco-Task Force Battalions engaged in protecting environment at present along with their locations;
- (b) whether any action plan is in operation for the better utilization of new technology to enhance capacity and efficiency of the said Task Force;
- (c) if so, whether there is any proposal to set up more such Battalions in consultation / coordination of State agencies in future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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(a) At present, there are 10 (ten) Eco-Task Force (ETF) Battalions, Territorial Army (TA) engaged in the work of environmental protection at different locations of the country. The State-wise deployment is at Annexure.

(b) ETF Battalions have adopted several effective measures to enhance the capacity and work quality of the ETF by employing new emerging technologies like drip & sprinkler irrigation, root trainer technology, pro-tray technology, bio & vermin composting, mist chambers, green & poly houses etc. in their work.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Defence considers the raising of ETF (TA) Battalion if the concerned authority i.e. State Government, Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change etc. make firm commitment to bear the entire expenditure in respect of the proposed ETF (TA) Battalion.

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN THE REPLY GIVEN IN PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 561 FOR ANSWER ON 6.2.2019

DETAILS OF ECOLOGICAL TASK FORCE (ETF) BATTALIONS (TA):

Sl. No.	Name of Unit	Location
1.	127 Inf Bn (TA) Eco, GARH RIF	Dehradun (Uttarakhand)
2.	128 Inf Bn (TA) Eco, RAJ RIF	Jaisalmer (Rajasthan)
3.	129 Inf Bn (TA) Eco, JAK LI	Samba (Jammu & Kashmir)
4.	130 Inf Bn (TA) Eco, KUMAON	Pithoragarh (Uttarakhand)
5.	132 Inf Bn (TA) Eco, RAJPUT	Bhatti Mines (Delhi)
6.	133 Inf Bn (TA) Eco, DOGRA	Kufri (Himachal Pradesh)
7.	134 Inf Bn (TA) Eco, ASSAM	Tezpur (Assam)
8.	135 Inf Bn (TA) Eco, ASSAM	Kokrajhar (Assam)
9.	136 Inf Bn (TA) Eco, MAHAR	Aurangabad (Maharashtra)
10.	137 CETF Bn (TA) 39 GR	Allahabad (Uttar Pradesh)
