

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 1172**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.06.2019

**Eco Task Force**

1172. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of deployment of eco-task force battalions which are presently engaged in protection of environment, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is working on any plan for better utilization of new technology so as to enhance the capacity as well as efficiency of the said battalions;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to raise more battalions in coordination with the State agencies in future; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)**

- (a) At present, there are ten Eco Task Force (ETF) Battalions, engaged in the work of environmental protection at different locations of the country out of which establishment cost of six ETF Battalions are being funded by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC). The State-wise deployment of these Battalions is given in Annexure.
- (b) & (c) ETF Battalions have adopted several effective measures to enhance the capacity and work quality of the ETF by employing new technology likedripand sprinkler irrigation, root trainer technology, pro-tray technology, bio andvermin composting, mist chambers, green and poly houses etc. in their work.
- (d) & (e) The Ministry of Defence considers the raising of ETF Battalion if the concerned authority i.e. State Government or Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change etc. make firm commitment to bear the entire expenditure in respect of the proposed ETF Battalion. The State Governments have been encouraged and advised to raise ETF Battalions from their own funding with technical support of the Forest Department as has been done by the States like Delhi, Himachal Pradeshand Maharashtra.

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**Annexure**

**Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1172 on "Eco Task Force" asked by Shri Kanakmal Katara due for reply on 28.06.2019**

**DETAILS OF STATE-WISE LOCATIONS OF ECO TASK FORCE BATTALIONS**

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