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Western Ghats Task Force Chairman Ananth Hegde Ashisara said that the Task Force will submit a detailed report to the government on eco friendly alternative fuel policy.

Speaking to presspersons on the sidelines of a workshop for the experts to prepare a report on bio-diversity here on Friday, he said "there is a need to chalk out a long term plan to use solar for lighting, bio fuel for cooking and vehicles. There is a need to provide 50 per cent of the fuel from alternative sources of energy in the next ten years. Malnad requires eco friendly fuel. The Task Force has chalked out several programmes for the alternatives sources of energy."

The selected farmers in Chikmagalur, Shimoga, Uttara Kannada and Belgaum will be distributed with 'Astra ole' through Grama Aranya Samithi. "We will hold workshop on models of alternative sources of energy. The task force will organise camps on the use of Astra ole, drier, bio gas plants," Hegde said.

The Non conventional Energy department is situated at Bangalore. Any details on the non conventional sources of energy, one need to visit Bangalore. "We will make an effort to make Zilla Panchayat as connecting bridge between department non conventional sources of energy and the general public. A meeting will be held with Chief Minister and Forest Minister in this regard."

Programmes have been chalked out to popularise Ayurveda system of medicine. A programme for traditional doctors and ayurveda practitioners will be held at 15 places in Chikmagalur.

The Centre has constituted a committee under the chairmanship of Dr Kasturirangan to recommend for the development of Ghat areas. The committee will submit a report on how to conserve the Ghat areas and to develop it. The Task Force members will meet Dr Rangan shortly. Western Ghats Task Force member Gajendra Gorasu Kudige was present.