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*Land degradation has assumed serious dimensions engulfing nearly one third (32.7%) geographical area of the country. Out of 107.43 million ha degraded lands, ravines occupy 2.68 million ha, waterlogging 3.20 million ha and salt afflection 6.23 million ha. Most of these lands are owned by Government or Panchayats. When allotted to landless or weaker sections of society, these are abandoned for want of adequate capital for reclamation or high cost of maintenance. Integrated watershed management through people's participation, technological issues and programmes for rehabilitation of such degraded ecosystems call for approaches, techniques and considerations different than employed in conventional watershed development programmes in ravines, coastal, saline and waterlogged ecosystem.*