

## Chapter

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## FOREST AND TREE RESOURCES IN STATES AND UNION TERRITORIES

In this chapter information on forest and tree cover of different States and Union Territories and changes therein with respect to the previous assessment has been presented. Each State and UT has been described in a separate sub chapter.

In addition to the above, statistics about physical and demographic features of the State/UT, land use pattern and important information related to the forest resources like recorded forest areas, protected areas, status of joint forest management, altitude zone wise forest cover and forest cover in different forest types have also been given. Tribal population finds specific mention, as it is dependent on forest to a great extent. Under forest resources, occurrence of main forest types and distribution of forests in the States/UTs has been described. Growing stock of forests and trees outside forests (TOF) has also been provided for the States/UTs. Population of the States and UTs, as projected by Office of the Registrar

General of India (RGI) for the year 2009 has also been given.

District wise forest cover has been given for all the States and UTs. Information on forest cover for some newly created districts has not been given as their boundaries were not available from SOI or the State governments. Information in respect of 589 districts has been furnished. In the district wise forest cover tables, the hill districts and the tribal districts are marked by superscripts 'H' and 'T' respectively.

The changes in forest cover relate to the satellite data of the years 2004-05 and 2006-07. The change in different categories of forest cover and the dynamics of changes are shown in the change matrices of the States and Union Territories. Forest cover maps of all the States and UTs have also been given.