

(in Sq. kms.)

State/U.T.	Reserved	Protected	Unclassified	Total Forest Area
Haryana	229	1109	361	1699
Himachal Pradesh	1825	17196	2304	21325
Jammu & Kashmir	20182	—	—	20182
Karnataka	28611	3931	6103	38645
Kerala	11036	—	182	11218
Madhya Pradesh	80996	69082	5336	155414
Maharashtra	42823	15366	5969	64158
Manipur	1377	4171	9606	15154
Meghalaya	978	12	7524	8514
Mizoram	9048	1647	5240	15935
Nagaland	86	507	8032	8625
Orissa	26108	33427	20	59555
Punjab	43	1101	1676	2823
Rajasthan	13970	14170	3150	31290
Sikkim	2650	—	—	2650
Tamil Nadu	18375	3390	614	22379
Tripura	2571	291	2436	6298
Uttar Pradesh	34461	884	5412*	51337*
West Bengal	7054	3772	1053	11879
A & N Islands	3059	4112	—	7171
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	203	3	—	206
All India	406119	215087	131067*	752273

*10580 Sq. Km. Unclassified Forest area outside forest department.

Plantation for Fuel

3270. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether villages are facing a shortage of fuel due to ban imposed on cutting of trees;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard,

(c) whether incentives are being given to the villagers for plantation of

certain type of trees which they can cut as per their requirements; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) There is a general shortage of fuel in many rural areas of the country. There is no general ban on the cutting of trees; tree-cutting is regulated at the State-level by legislation and rules laid down for this purpose.

(c) and (d) Under the Social Forestry Programme, the villagers are encouraged to plant trees on their lands for meeting domestic as well as market needs of fuelwood, fodder, fruit, timber etc. Seedlings are provided free or at subsidised rates from government nurseries or are made available by decentralised nurseries promoted by the Central Government. Technical advice and assistance is provided by the field staff of the Forest Departments in the States. The trees so grown can be felled in accordance with the law and rules in force at the State-level.

Target to Educate Adults

3271. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the targets fixed to educate adults during the year 1990-91 and the number of the adults educated;

(b) the number of adult education institutions functioning in the country at present and the locations thereof;

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Government to provide education to the adults for the development of rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Against the target of enrolling 177.33 lakhs persons for 1990-91, an enrolment of 118.77 lakh persons has been reported so far.

(b) A statement showing the number of adult education centres reported functioning in different States/UTs as on 31-3-1991 is attached. Besides about 2.5 to 3 million volunteers (both student and non student youth) are imparting literacy to about 25 to 30 million learners through total literacy campaigns which have been launched in 45 districts of the country.

(c) and (d) The majority of the illiterate population is in the rural areas. The focus of the National Literacy Mission which aims at imparting functional literacy to 80 million adult illiterates in the 15—35 age group by 1995 is on rural areas, particularly, women and persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The overall objective is, that the illiterate adults in the rural areas, by becoming functionally literate, would be in a position to achieve self-reliance in literacy and numeracy skills, become aware of the causes of their deprivation and move towards amelioration of their condition through organisation and participation in the process of development and acquire skills to improve their economic status and general well being. A scheme of post-literacy and continuing education called Jana Shikshan Nilayam (People's Centres of learning) is being implemented under the National Literacy Mission. So far, 32318 JSNs have been sanctioned and 22691 JSNs have been made operational. Every JSN provides for a library-cum-reading room as also facilities for simple and short duration training to the rural people, discussion forums (charcha mandals), evening classes for upgradation of skills and recreational and cultural activities.