

States	Total
Madhya Pradesh	201.42
Maharashtra	144.01
Manipur	14.38
Meghalaya	19.18
Nagaland	13.86
Orissa	63.84
Punjab	12.30
Rajasthan	199.34
Sikkim	2.81
Tamil Nadu	44.01
Tripura	9.173
Uttar Pradesh	80.61
West Bengal	25.36
UTs	36.04
TOTAL	1295.74

N.B. The above estimate is not based on country-wide survey of all wastelands in the country.

Afforestation of the Himalayas

60. SHRI SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government propose to make a master plan for afforestation of the Indian Himalayas falling in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI-MATI MANEKA GANDHI): If forestation activities in the Himalayan region including the States of Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir are being carried out under various Central and State Plan Schemes. The State Governments have been advised to prepare area specific action plans for wastelands development during the Eighth Plan period.

Plan outlays for the Forestry Sector

61. SHRI SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the figures of allocation for the Forestry sector as percentage of the total outlay of the plans from the 1st to the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the proposal for the Eighth Five Year Plan from the Ministry to the Planning Commission regarding allocation in Forestry and Environment Sector;

(c) whether it is a fact that this most vital sector was relegated to an inferior position in these plans; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government or propose to take to halt the degradation of Forests, natural environment and ecology?