GROWTH OF FOREST SECTOR IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

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ABSTRACT
The present paper in an attempt to study the growth of forest sector in Himachal Pradesh. Forests play an important role in an economy. Their growth is sine-qua-non for the process of economic development in both hilly and plain states. In hilly state like Himachal Pradesh, the scope of agricultural development is limited on account of scarce and poor agricultural land, coupled with difficult geographical terrains and extreme weather conditions. All these factors taken together inhibit the use of modern agriculture practices in the state. Forests can be a source of both revenue as well as ecological protection in the state. Here, in context to the significant role, which forestry plays, it is important that an attempt should be made to study their growth in Himachal Pradesh. It will be relevant if a district-wise analysis of growth of forests in the state is made. Which are the districts, where forest cover is increasing and in which districts it is shrinking. What types of forests are being grown in the state District-wise per capita availability of forest can also give some required policy input. The main objective of the study is to analyze the growth of forest sector in Himachal Pradesh. It is essential to know that which particular plant species are gaining popularity in the state and which ones have lost significance, over a period of time. Secondary sources are used to collect data and compound growth rate measured to get findings.

KEY WORDS: Forest Sector, Growth, Per-capita availability, forest species.

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