

## LAND USE STATISTICS CONCEPTS & DEFINITIONS

- 1. Forest Area:** Forests include all lands classed as forest under any legal enactment dealing with forests, or administered as forest, whether State-owned or private and whether wooded or maintained as potential forest land. The area of crops raised in the forests and grazing lands or area open for grazing within the forests should remain included under the forest area.
- 2. Land under Non-agricultural Uses:** This category includes all lands occupied by buildings, roads and railways or under water, e.g. rivers and canals and other land put to uses other than agricultural.
- 3. Barren and Un-culturable Land:** This category covers all barren and un-culturable lands, including mountains, deserts etc. which cannot be brought under cultivation, except at a high cost, is classified as un-culturable, whether such land is in isolated blocks or within cultivated holdings.
- 4. Permanent Pastures and other Grazing Land:** This category covers all grazing lands whether they are permanent pastures/meadows or not. Village commons & grazing lands are included under this category.
- 5. Miscellaneous tree crops & groves, not included in the net area sown:** Under this class is included all cultivable land, which is not included under the Net area sown, but is put to some agricultural use. Lands under casuarina trees, thatching grass, bamboo bushes and other groves for fuel etc. which are not included under 'Orchards' are classed under this category.
- 6. Culturable Waste Land:** This category includes all lands available for cultivation, whether taken up for cultivation or not taken up for cultivation once, but not cultivated during the current years and the last five years or more in succession. Such lands may be either fallow or covered with shrubs and jungles, which are not put to any use. They may be accessed or unaccessed & may lie in isolated blocks or within cultivated holdings. Lands once cultivated, but not cultivated for 5 years in succession, shall also be included in this category after 5 years.
- 7. Current Fallows:** This class comprises cropped area which are kept fallow during the current year only. For example, if any seedling area is not cropped in the same year, it may be treated as current fallow.
- 8. Other Fallow Lands:** This category includes all lands, which were taken up for cultivation but are temporarily out of cultivation for a period of not less than one year & not more than five years. The reason for keeping such lands fallow may be one of the following:
  - (a) Poverty of the cultivators
  - (b) Inadequate supply of water
  - (c) Malarious climate
  - (d) Silting of canals & rivers, and
  - (e) Unremunerated nature of farming
- 9. Net Area Sown:** This term denotes the net area sown under crops & orchards, counting areas sown more than once in the same year only once.