

Table 2.10 Forest Cover in Tribal Districts (Area in km ²)									
State	No. of Tribal Districts	Geo. Area	Forest Cover 2011				% of GA	Change	Scrub
			Very Dense Forest	Dense Forest	Open Forest	Total Forest			
Andhra Pradesh	8	87,090	239	16,613	8,449	25,301	29.05	266	2,368
Arunachal Pradesh	13	83,743	20,868	31,519	15,023	67,410	80.50	74	122
Assam	16	50,137	648	4,599	6,749	11,996	23.93	12	93
Chhattisgarh	9	92,656	3,614	24,477	11,966	40,057	43.23	3	89
Gujarat	8	48,409	322	2,944	3,500	6,766	13.98	1	390
Himachal Pradesh	3	26,764	950	1,067	1,214	3,231	12.07	0	139
Jharkhand	8	44,413	1,677	6,067	6,218	13,962	31.44	73	341
Karnataka	5	26,597	1,248	7,842	4,249	13,339	50.19	0	55
Kerala	9	27,228	1,073	7,017	5,006	13,096	48.10	13	52
Madhya Pradesh	18	139,448	5,639	20,275	16,387	42,301	30.33	14	2,609
Maharashtra	11	138,272	7,275	11,389	10,848	29,512	21.34	3	2,127
Manipur	9	22,327	730	6,151	10,209	17,090	76.54	190	1
Meghalaya	7	22,429	433	9,775	7,067	17,275	77.02	46	485
Mizoram	8	21,081	134	6,086	12,897	19,117	90.68	66	1
Nagaland	8	16,579	1,293	4,931	7,094	13,318	80.33	146	3
Orissa	12	86,124	5,268	14,442	13,588	33,298	38.66	1	2,552
Rajasthan	5	38,218	0	2,442	3,907	6,349	16.61	1	941
Sikkim	4	7,096	500	2,161	698	3,359	47.34	0	368
Tamil Nadu	6	30,720	697	2,392	3,653	6,742	21.96	16	404
Tripura	4	10,486	109	4,686	3,182	7,977	76.04	8	72
Uttar Pradesh	1	7,680	409	475	435	1,319	17.17	1	1
West Bengal	11	69,403	2,962	4,475	4,863	12,300	17.72	3	28
And N Islands	2	8,249	3,761	2,416	547	6,724	81.51	62	57
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	491	0	114	97	211	42.97	0	1
Daman & Diu	1	72	0	1	3	4	5.56	0	0
Lakshadweep	1	32	0	17	10	27	84.38	0	0
Grand Total	188	1,105,744	59,849	194,173	157,859	411,881	37.25	679	12,785

The change in the above Table refers to change in the area with respect to 2009 assessment after incorporating the interpretational changes.

All figures are rounded off to the nearest digits.

The total forest cover in the tribal districts is 411,881 km² which is 37.25% of the geographical area of these districts. After incorporating the interpretational changes in previous forest cover assessment, current assessment shows a decrease of 679 km² in all the tribal districts of the country put together.

2.11 Forest Cover in the North-Eastern States

North-eastern region of the country comprising eight states, namely; Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura, is endowed with rich forest resources. The region, which constitutes only 7.98% of the