

29. What measures have the State Government adopted for ecological preservation and promoted?

All the tribal reserves in Andaman district are also reserve forests/proposed reserve forest notified under IFA 1927. In Nicobar District all areas outside tribal villages are declared as Protected forest. These forest areas are exclusively preserved and entry is restricted, to reach there entry passes are required. Hence they are ecologically fully protected.

30. What is the total extent of forest area in your State? Please furnish Plan-Wise figures since 1950 to show depletion and afforestation.

As per record of this office -.

Year	Area Under Forests
1961-62	7468.33 sq.km
1962-63	7468.33 sq.km
1963-64	7468.33 sq.km
1964-65	7468.33 sq.km
1965-66	7468.33 sq.km
1966-67	7468.33 Sq.km
1967-68	7468.33 Sq.km
1968-69	7468.33 Sq.km
Fourth Plan (1969-74)	7466 Sq.km
Fifth Plan (1975-78)	7464 Sq.km
Sixth Plan (1980-85)	7144 Sq.Km
Seventh Plan (1985-90)	7170.69 Sq.km
Eight Plan (1992-97)	7170.69 Sq.km
Ninth Plan (1997-02)	7170.69 Sq.km
Tenth Plan (2002-07)	7170.69 Sq.km

National Forest Policy 1988

31. The National Forest Policy 1988 lists out the essentials of forest management.

Needs no answer.

32. The first item mentioned is that the existing forests and forest lands should be protected and their productivity improved. Please narrate what measures the State Govt have adopted in this regard.

There has been consistent efforts to comply with the directions in the national forest policy Since 1990 schemes introduced in the five years plan is as follows-

	VIIIth Plan 92-97		IXth plan 97-2002		Xth plan provision under 2002-2007
	Outlay	Exp	Outlay	Exp	
Development of MFP	17.85	1.33	41.17	40.47	81.98
M.F.P	52.58	46.69	8766	62.73	147.60