

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

FOREST

All lands classified as “ Forest ” under any legal enactment dealing with forests or administered as forests whether State owned or private. There is no forest area in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

LAND PUT TO NON-AGRICULTURAL USE

All lands occupied by Buildings, Paths, Roads, Railways, Rivers, Ponds, Lakes, Canals and other lands put to non-agricultural purposes are brought under this category.

During the year 2005 - 06, area under this category was 17,787 hectares (36.56%) of the total geographical area, which was more than 653 hectares as compared to the previous year 2004 – 05.

BARREN AND UNCULTURABLE LANDS

Land where cultivation is not at all possible comes under this category. During the year 2005 – 06, 72 hectares (0.15%) were under this category.

PERMANENT PASTURES AND OTHER GRAZING LANDS

All grazing lands, whether they are permanent pastures or meadows are considered as permanent pastures and other grazing lands according to their nature. No area was recorded under this category during the year 2005-06

LAND UNDER MISCELLANEOUS TREE CROPS & GROVES (not included in net area sown)

Lands in which trees and groves are grown which are not included in the net area sown come under this category. An area of 1156 hectares (2.38%) was recorded under this category.

CULTURABLE WASTE

All lands available for cultivation whether not taken up for cultivation or taken up for cultivation once, but not cultivated during the current year and continuously for the last five years or more, in succession for one reason or the other,

are classified as culturable waste. During the year 2005-06, 4,077 hectares have been recorded under this category, which constitutes 8.38% of the total geographical area.

OTHER FALLOW LANDS

All lands, which are usually taken up for cultivation but are temporarily suspended from cultivation for a period of not less than one year and not more than five years are considered as other fallow lands. During the year 2005-06, 2687 hectares were recorded as area under this category which is 5.52% of the total geographical area.

CURRENT FALLOWS

Cultivable lands, which are kept fallow during the entire period under review, are known as current fallows. During 2005-06, this category was recorded as 2159 hectares which is 4.44% .