

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11.	Jammu & Kashmir*	110					1
12.	Karnataka	83.2	168.7			2	10
13.	Kerala	7.95	79.9		1	1	5
14.	Madhya Pradesh	142.69	189.96			6	34
15.	Maharashtra	13	264.96	6.54		6	43
16.	Manipur	34.1	33.42				
17.	Meghalaya	21.94	34				5
18.	Nagaland						
19.	Orissa	164	171		1	2	23
20.	Pondicherry		9				2
21.	Punjab	6.4	307.23	52.61		4	4
22.	Rajasthan	131	279.5	69		3	14
23.	Tamil Nadu	2.1	534.65	2.2	1	1	15
24.	Uttar Pradesh	16.08	593.68	21		3	11
25.	West Bengal		128.7			2	18
Total		1027.7	3832.06	277.26	9	37	250

* Works on National highways in Jammu and Kashmir are being executed by Border Roads Organisation except Jammu and Srinagar bypasses which are with State Public Works Department.

Deforestation due to Jhum cultivation

*470. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where Jhum cultivation is taking place;

(b) whether the Government have made any assessment on the destruction of forests in different States annually due to Jhum cultivation;

(c) if so, the details thereof according to the latest study, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to prevent the Jhum cultivation?

THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU) : (a) to (c): A task force in 1983 has assessed annual area under shifting cultivation in the country and Forest Survey of India has estimated shifting cultivation in seven North-Eastern

State in the period 1993 to 1995. The details are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Annual area under shifting cultivation estimated by Task Force in 1983 (sq.km)	Shifting cultivation estimated by Forest Survey of India in the period 1993-1995 (sq.km)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	500	
2.	Bihar	162	
3.	Madhya Pradesh	125	
4.	Orissa	5298	
5.	Arunachal Pradesh	700	75
6.	Assam	696	275
7.	Manipur	900	603
8.	Meghalaya	530	75
9.	Mizoram	630	292
10.	Nagaland	192	573
11.	Tripura	223	—
Total		9956	1875

(d) Central Assistance is provided to the State Governments to improve socio-economic status of tribal families and to protect the hill slopes of Jhum areas through soil and water conservation measures.

Posts and Telecom Facilities

*471. SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the inadequate post and telecommunication facilities in the country, particularly in Orissa;

(b) if so, the targets fixed and achievements made so far for the expansion and upgradation of Posts and Telecommunications network in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(c) the amount spent in this direction so far in the country during the said period, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government have any proposal for the upgradation and expansion of post and telecommunication network in the country during Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) The Postal Network in the country, which is the largest in the world, comprises more than 153021 Post Offices which cover the entire country. The average population served by a Post Office is 5518 while the average area served is 21.48 Sq. Kms. Orissa is served by a network of 8108 Post Offices and the average population served