

CHAPTER-IX

ENVIRONMENT

HIGHLIGHTS

- Not much change has been observed in recorded forest area during 1997 to 2009. It remained at 23-24% of geographical area.
- As per 1993 assessment, the forest cover was recorded 639 thousand square kilometers and it increased to 691 thousand square kilometers during 2007 assessment.
- Trees per hectare of Culturable Non Forest Area (CNFA) increased from 11.00 in 2001 to 12.14 in 2005. The total tree cover area increased by 12.5% between 2001 and 2005. The tree cover area to total geographical area increased from 2.48% in 2001 to 2.79% in 2005
- The mangrove cover was assessed 4046 square kilometers in 1987 and it increased to 4581 square kms. in 2005.
- The national parks and wild life sanctuaries also increased over the period. There were 80 National parks and 441 wild life sanctuaries in 1995 which increased to 95 and 500 respectively in 2006.
- The total production of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) increased from 39237 million tonnes in 1998 to 58340 million tonnes in 2008.
- The total consumption of ODS increased from 20743 million tonnes in 2000 to 25303 million tonnes in 2008.
- The total export of ODS increased marginally from 30111 million tonnes in 2004 to 30682 million tonnes in 2008. The total imports substantially reduced from 18859 million tonnes in 2004 to 6636 million tonnes in 2008