Appendix 8

Land-use classification in India

- 1. **Forest**: Includes all lands classed as forests under any legal enactment dealing with forests or administered as forests.
- 2. Area under Non-agricultural Uses: Includes all lands occupied by buildings, roads and railways or under water, *e.g.* river, and canals and other lands used for non-agriculture purpose.
- 3. **Barren and un-cultivable land**: Includes all barren and un-cultivable land like mountains, desert etc.
- 4. **Permanent pastures and other grazing lands:** Includes all grazing lands where they are permanent pastures and meadows or not. Village common grazing land is included under this head.
- 5. Land under miscellaneous tree crops and groves etc: This includes all cultivable land, which is not included in 'Net Area Sown' but is put to some agricultural uses. Lands under Casuarina trees, thatching grasses, bamboo bushes, and other groves for fuel, etc which are not included under 'Orchards' are classified under this category.
- 6. Culturable Wasteland: This includes lands available for cultivation. Such lands may be either fallow or covered with shrubs or jungles, which are not put to any use. Land once cultivated but not cultivated for five years in succession should be include in this category at the end of the five years.
- 7. **Fallow lands other than current fallows**: This includes all lands, which were taken up for cultivation but are temporarily out of cultivation for a period of not less than one year and not more than five years.
- 8. **Current Fallows**: This represents cropped area, which are kept fallow during the current year. For example, if any seeding area is not cropped in the same year again, it may be treated as current fallows.
- 9. **Net Area Sown**: This represents the total area sown with crops and orchards. Area sown more than once in the same year is counted only once.

Agriculture land/Cultivable land/Culturable land = 5+6+7+8+9 Cultivated Land= 8+9 Reporting are of land utilization= 1 to 9