

Awareness among women regarding deforestation and fuel wood saving practices followed by them

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■ **ABSTRACT** : The present investigation was undertaken to know the awareness of rural and urban respondents regarding deforestation, its causes and effects and to study the firewood saving practices followed by respondents. The study was conducted on 60 rural and 60 urban respondents of Ludhiana district and the results showed that only 10 per cent of rural and 88.33 per cent of the urban respondents were aware about deforestation. As regards energy saving techniques while using fuel wood about 60 per cent rural respondents used to follow such practices. The urban households were not found to be using firewood at all.

■ **KEY WORDS** : Deforestation, Fuel wood conservation, Causes of deforestation, Effects of deforestation

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