

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Fuel wood and fodder consumption in van panchayat forests of district Nainital in western Himalaya

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SUMMARY

Survey was conducted in two villages of Nainital district at an elevation of 1480m to 1565m, to evaluate the socio-economic condition as well as existing pressure in van panchayat forest during the year 2013. To get the requisite information of the work, data were obtained by formal interview using a structured questionnaire, focusing the details about the socio-economic development and related issues of forests. Total area ranged from 13.49ha to 48.47ha in van panchayat forests. The total annual fuel wood consumption and fodder consumption ranged from 102.75 to 1536.55 tyr^{-1} and 299.97 to 3733.02 tyr^{-1} , respectively.

Key Words : Fuel wood, Fodder, Livestock, Socio-economic, Structured questionnaire, Van panchayat

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