

IMPACT OF FOREST RIGHTS ON VALUE OF MELGHAT LANDSCAPE

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Abstract: The forest rights act 2006 has created considerable ethos among conservationists since its enactment. The present study is an attempt to value the forest loss due to land allotments under forest rights act in melghat forests. The value of forest landscape is referred from earlier researches and the loss of value is quantified with respect to land allotments data with forest department. The loss is compared with gains from cultivation. The gains of 7.07 crore by farmers are reported much scanty as compared to forest land loss of 447 crore rupees. Considering huge loss apart from fragmentation of ecosystem, the forest right allotments needs to be clubbed and re-settled to get undisturbed habitat.

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