

**TABLE 2.9 FOREST COVER ESTIMATES – CATEGORY WISE**  
(In million hectares)

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Category of Forests</b>	<b>Forest Area</b>	<b>% of Geographical Area</b>
1	*Dense Forests	*41.68	12.68
2	Open Forests	25.87	7.87
3	TOTAL	67.55	20.55
4	Scrub Land	4.73	1.44
5	GRAND TOTAL	72.28	21.99
6	Open Forests + Scrub Land	30.60 or Say 31	9.31
7	Block of Forest Area (>01 hectare) outside Recorded Forest Area	10.49	3.19

*Source: 10<sup>th</sup> Plan Document, NAEB, MoEF*

*State of Forest Report 2001, FSI, MoEF, GOI.*

- *Including 0.4482 million hectares under Mangroves (0.14% of country's geographic area).*