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- Under this Govt. of India introduced a programme to protect, conserve and develop the forest area. This is called programme of Forest conservation.

Now,

The measures taken under this programme are.

- Preventive act on destruction of forests
- Prevention of wild life was done by promoting Biosphere reserve forests.
- Several forest region is declared as reserved forests to protect both trees and species.
- planting more tree for development of Environmental forestry.
- Forest Development Corporation has been set up to take care of forests product and developing new forest resources.

(8) India-wild life

(a) - India is rich in fauna.

- It has more than 89000 animals species and 1200 Birds species.
- It has 13% of world's total.
- India has 2500 species of fishes. It accounts for 12% of world's total.
- India has 5 to 8% of world's reptiles and mammals.

(b) - Elephants in India are found in forest of Assam, Karnataka and Kerala

- one horned rhino is also found in forests of Assam and West Bengal.
- wild ass and camels are found in Rann of Kutch and Thar Desert.

(c) - India has both lions and tigers.

- In India, Asiatic Lion is found in Gir forest in Gujarat.
- Tigers are found in Madhya Pradesh, Sundarbans and Himalayan Region.
- Leopards are also found in India.

(d) - Freezing high altitudes of Himalayas are home of Yak, shaggy horned wild ox, Tibetan Antelope, snow leopard and red panda.

(e) turtles, crocodiles and Gharials are found in rivers, lakes and coastal area.

(f) India has many birds like Peacock, peacocks, ducks, Parakeets, cranes and pigeons. India also has many migratory birds.

(g) Conservation of wildlife

Steps taken by govt. to conserve wildlife are:

- Legal protection act was provided to safeguard wild animals against hunting and commercial exploitation, under wildlife protection act, 1972.
- Financial and technical assistance is provided to the state govt. to integrate the development of wildlife habitat.
- Govt. has also set up around 103 National parks, many wildlife sanctuaries, 535 Bird Sanctuaries and 18 Biosphere reserves to protect wildlife.