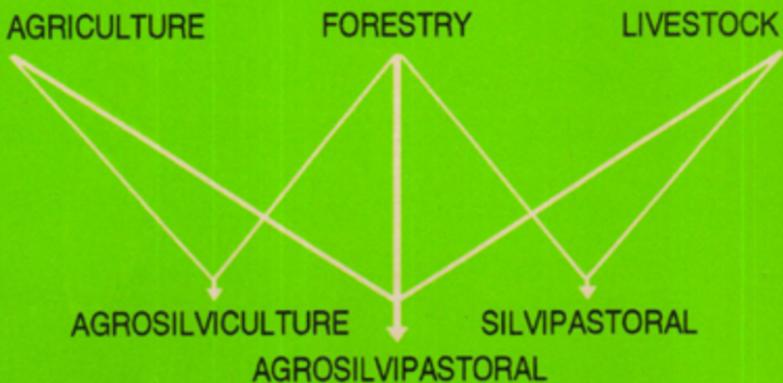


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## PREFACE

**T**here cannot be economically viable planning and the progress of Hindustan, if planting of agroforestry trees is not made as an integral part of it. Believe it or not, "Salvation of Hindustan lies on massive planting of multipurpose agroforestry tree species and their protection from enemies." Trees play crucial role in sustaining biological production systems. The great task before all of us to cover on five million hectares of land with suitable tree species per annum continuously at least for 10 years or more. Practically, this target cannot be achieved either be Government or private organizations alone. Sincere participation of both the Government and public can only fulfil the basic needs of poor villagers for the fuelwood, fodder, small timber etc.

In fact, inactment of any forest law or any other forces cannot protect felling of the trees until and unless local people are provided with sufficient firewood at their own disposal as and when some of them have demand for leaf fodder to save their animals. Landless, jobless person (particularly women and children) have also right to use natural resources. While doing so, there might have been some mistakes on felling trees by them. The study in depth suggests that poor people do not have any alternate source of energy for cooking their food. They have to collect the firewood nearby forests. It may also happen that when adequate amount of dry wood is not available in the forest then they might have cut the trees wholly or par-

tially. Such action definitely causes depletion of forest wealth of the country.

And, it is almost certain which can be predicted that the days are not far off when Hindustan would become a 'Desert', if the rate at which the afforestation is being done and the rate at which the deforestation is going on. Unfortunately, the increase in population is not yet at halt and the future is seemed bleak

In the present book, the attempts of the author have been to provide relevant information in simple language on some favourite agroforestry tree species enabling readers to maximum benefits. The ultimate results of growing agroforestry tree species solely depend on climatic and edaphic conditions, agroforestry system in which a tree(s) species is raised, genetical potential of tree species, purpose(s) of growing etc. And hence, one has to modify the information as per ones requirements under local existing conditions.

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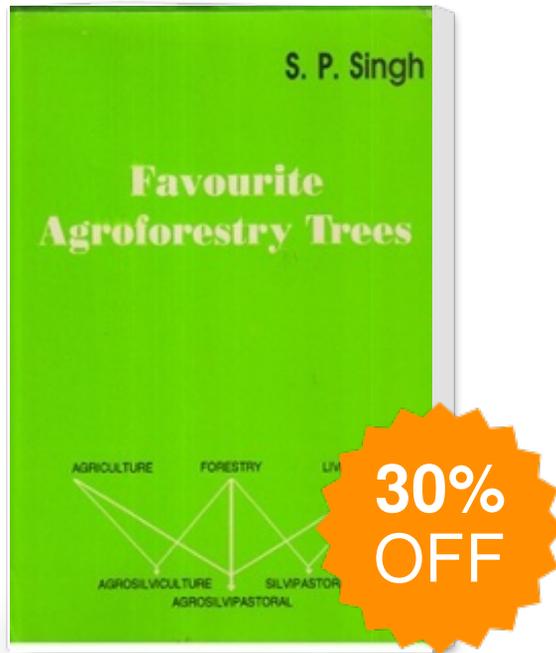
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