

3. Regarding the Personal Safety Equipment an unfamiliar product to most people the data on specific items have been available in a small group of manufacturers and importers, who are sensitive to competitors and new comers, the cooperation was nearly in vain.

In 1961, 27.3 per cent of the country's area is forest with northern region having highest ratio of forest area (45.5% of total area), followed by eastern region (38%), central region (34%), northeastern (32%) and southern (28%) respectively. However, ratio of forest are dropped remarkably to 14.3 per cent in 1988 with northern region still having highest ratio (27%) followed by central (25%), eastern (22%), southern (19%) and northeastern (14%) respectively.

It is seen that during 1961-1988, forests in northeastern and eastern regions had been severely destroyed as proportion of forest area had been reduced from 42 and 38 per cent to only 14 and 19 per cent respectively. During the same period, half of forests in central and southern regions had been destroyed with proportion of forest area being reduced from 34 and 28 per cent to 25 and 19 per cent respectively. Northern region is the region with lowest ratio of deforestation as proportion of forest area had been reduced from 45 per cent in 1961 to 27 per cent in 1988.