

3. LAND USE AND AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

TABLE NO. 3.1

TYPES OF SOIL

Soil	Area of Occurrence
1. Alluvial Soils	Most of Punjab, U.P., Bihar, about half of West Bengal, part of Rajasthan, northern most extreme of Madhya Pradesh, north of Assam, part of Tripura and coastal parts of Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Madras, Mysore, Kerala, Maharashtra and Gujarat.
2. Black Soils	Most of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, parts of Mysore, Madras, Andhra Pradesh, small patch of Rajasthan, south of U.P., south-east of Bihar and north-west of Orissa.
3. Red Soils	Practically in all the districts of Andhra Pradesh, whole of Manipur, most of Madras, Mysore, Bihar, Orissa, Assam, part of Tripura, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.
4. Laterite and Lateritic Soils...	Certain parts of Assam, West Bengal, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Mysore, Madras and Maharashtra.
5. Mountain and Hill Soils	Hilly parts in the north of West Bengal, U.P., central part of Bihar, eastern strip of Kerala, parts of Tripura, Punjab and whole of Himachal Pradesh.
6. Tarai Soils	A narrow strip in U.P. between plains and hills.
7. Arid and Desert Soils	Rajasthan.
8. Peaty and other Organic Matter	Parts of Kerala and Bihar.

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