

Chapter 1. Geography. Class VIII
Resources : Utilisation and Development

Sustainable Development

The development which takes place without damaging the environment.

Also it meets the need of the present without compromising the needs of future generations.

So resources should be utilised judiciously means in proper way so that after fulfilling our present requirements, they are also conserved for the future generations.

We can conserve resources by the following ways:-

- a) Use all renewable resources judiciously
- b) Minimise the depletion of natural resources.
- c) Conserve the varied species.

The use of resources varies from one country to another, due to technology and skilled human resource, the developed countries like united kingdom and USA make optimum use of resources as compared to the developing countries like India.

Rapid population growth has resulted in over utilisation of the natural resources.

For example, over utilisation of soil has resulted in the depletion of the fertility of soil in many parts of the world. Thus , there is an urgent need to maintain a balance between population, resource planning and conservation. Resources should be used judiciously, otherwise mankind will have to face dire consequences.

Conservation means use in a proper way, protect and save for future generation.

Also its means sustainable and optimum utilisation of resources.

Development of technology, human skill and population control is essential for a long-term sustainability of natural resources.

Sustainable development is very important for human beings, else the ecological balance will be disturbed. Our earth is only habitable planet. So, spread awareness for saving earth from future deterioration. We have to follow 5 R's means reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse, and rethink.

" use the resources according to the need and not according to the greed, care for nature, it will care for you" said by Mahatma Gandhi.

