Identifying land use changes and the related problems in northern states of India

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India has been experiencing an accelerating rate of socio-economic changes in the last three decades and their interaction with the land and its changes to date and in the near future are a great concern of this rapidly growing country. However, the study of the change of the use of land and land-related problems has not been sufficient, particularly for the period including the 1980s. The present study is to identify land use changes and the related problems in some selected areas in northern India from the 1980s.

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