HP to start green accounting from Mandi

Experts' viewpoint

- Need to have exact statistics of inclusive green growth which presently are not tabulated and available.
- After having proper stats, inclusive green growth can be measured not just in terms of revenue only but environmental concerns that arise out of the larger picture.
- Forest accounting will also help tabulate information on economic contribution of forests and impact of non-forestry policies on our resources and services.

"Forest sectors and its contribution is either undervalued or wrongly added to other sectors thereby presenting a very under assessed contribution from our forests," said forest officials.

The officials said, "So far no such studies and estimates have been undertaken to assess as to what cost we are paying for development whether it is in terms of power projects, cement plants, roads or industry."