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Presenting the problem of soil erosion and land degradation in India, the paper highlights the role of integrated watershed management in mitigating the ill-effects of soil erosion and making the land productive and useful again. It has been shown by support of ample data that grasses and legumes play a much bigger role amongst various soil and water conservation techniques and in watershed management besides providing much-needed fodder to the ever-increasing population of livestock. Runoff and soil loss data under various land uses have been furnished for different agro-climatic regions in India.