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Studies were conducted on soil nutrient status, their dynamics and physico-chemical characteristics of soil under sal, Eucalyptus and brushwood forests in Doon Valley. Annual return of nutrients through leaf fall was maximum under sal forest followed by brushwood and Eucalyptus. The understorey biomass and nutrients contained therein were, however, highest in Eucalyptus followed by brushwood and sal forest. Organic carbon, total nitrogen. available potash and exchangeable calcium and magnesium in soil were maximum in brushwood forest followed by Eucalyptus and sal but available phosphorus was more under sal.