

## **Impact on the Department of Forests**

There were a number of negative impacts on the DOF: degradation of the forest, violation of the OP, and hesitation of other communities to implement community forestry programmes.

At present, Gorkha district has 91 community forest user groups; five additional operational plans are under way. As there are many user groups for community forests, different types of disputes could arise between the DOF and the groups. The rest of the user groups will have to learn from the JWCFCG's dispute, its impact, and the decisions to resolve it.