ACTIVITY REPORT

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This is a brief Activity Report of PRIA for the period April 1989 to March 1990. It presents information about the work of the organisation, and the various activities undertaken during this period.

ENHANCING COMPETENCIES

This has been a major capacity-building programme in PRIA for grassroots voluntary organisations, as well as other training and research institutions. The following workshops and training programmes were organised during this period:

* Training of Trainers: Round V

The second and third phase of the Training of Trainers Round V were completed. The second phase was held at the Karve Institute of Social Work, Pune, Maharashtra from May 11-18, 1989. More than thirty participants attended this programme. The third phase was held at Kanpur from October 15-21, 1989. About 23 participants attended.

* Regional Training of Trainers

Telegu TOT: This completed its third phase in May 1989. This training programme was organised by RISE of Andhra Pradesh, in collaboration with PRIA. About twenty participants attended this phase.

Bengali TOT: The first and second phases were also completed in this period, The first phase was from June 26 to July 5, 1989 in Calcutta. This was held in collaboration with the Child In Need Institute (CINI), Calcutta. Twenty eight participants attended this programme. The second phase was held in November 1989, where twenty four participants attended. Reports of both phases have been prepared by CINI.

Gujarati TOT: The third phase was completed in July 1989. About 15 participants attended the programme.

* Review of Regional TOT

A two day workshop to review the Regional Training of Trainers programme was held at Delhi from November 24-25, 1989. There were fifteen participants from the organisations in the regions who had been running the Regional TOTs, in collaboration with PRIA. A report has been prepared by PRIA.
NATURAL RESOURCES

* A regional workshop was held in April 1989 on issues related to land records, degradation due to mining etc. Twenty participants working in the region attended the workshop which was organised by Jan Vikas Kendra in collaboration with PRIA.

* In April 1989 PRIA team participated in a two day meeting of environmentalists and social activists, which was organised by Vikas Ame to review the activities of the campaign against big dams in the country.

* During July 5-7, 1989, PRIA organised a three day legal education programme for the activists of Chhotanagpur Samaj Vikas Sansthan, Palamau, Bihar.

* PRIA and Lok Jagriti Kendra, Bihar, jointly organised a three day training programme for the activists working in Chhotanagpur area of Bihar in July 1989.

* In September 1989, PRIA team participated in a national rally against Destructive Development organised by a wide coalition of environmental and social action groups from all parts of the country at Harsud, Madhya Pradesh. Thousands of 'oustees' who will be displaced by the Narmada Sagar project in Madhya Pradesh and the Sardar Sarovar project in Gujarat, also took part in the rally.

* PRIA and Centre for Environment and Rural Technology (CERT), Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh jointly organised an orientation programme for the activists of CERT during October 5-7, 1989 at Jaunpur. About twenty five activists participated in the programme.

* A two day meeting of environmentalists and social activists working on issues related to big dams and other destructive development projects was organised during December 1-2, 1989 at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

* PRIA organised a three day annual consultation on the theme "Peoples' Access to Water Resources" during December 18-20, 1989 at New Delhi. Over twenty five participants from different parts of the country participated in the consultation. A report has been prepared by PRIA.

* In December, PRIA team participated in a national meeting organised by Jan Vikas Andolan in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

Publications

* During this period four regular issues of the quarterly newsletter "Land and People" were brought out.
WORKER'S EDUCATION

The following workshops/seminars were attended/organised by the Worker's Education (Occupational Health and Safety) team:

* A visit to a local NGO, Regional Resource Centre in Jamshedpur, Bihar was made during April 8-14, 1989 to plan a study with mine workers of that region.

* Second line Leadership in Workers' Organisations

A workshop to discuss the issues was organised by PRIA during May 23-24, 1989. About 15 participants from all over the country participated.

* Health of Brass Workers and Agricultural Workers

A workshop was organised in collaboration with ISM, Madurai, Tamil Nadu during June 26-29, 1989.

* A study on the Health of Women Workers in the Tobacco and Agricultural Sector is in progress. It is in collaboration with SEWA.

Publications

* During this period four regular issues of the quarterly bulletin "OH Bulletin" (English and Hindi) were brought out.

* The following publications were brought out during the year:

  a. The Take Over

  b. Reference Sheets on Diseases for which Compensation may be claimed: Diseases at Work - II
STRENGTHENING ORGANISATIONS

* Management Issues

PRIA organised a Master Training Programme from July 18-23, 1989 at Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh. About thirty participants from 14 organisations attended the programme. A report has been prepared by PRIA.

* Organisational Mission, Strategies and Structures

A three day workshop on was held at Gopalpur, Orissa during August 1-3, 1989. Thirty two participants from thirteen organisations attended the workshop.

* PRIA was involved with NIRPHAD in preparing the organisation for change between October 1989 and June 1990.

* Process Documentation

During the year, process documentation studies were carried out in SEWA, Shramik Bharati and CINI. To reflect on the experiences a workshop was organised at Delhi during November 15-16, 1989, where participants from these organisations as well as other institutions took part.

* Evaluation

* An evaluation of the Rural Education Society (RES), Andhra Pradesh has been completed in July 1989.

* An evaluation of DISHA, Gujarat, was completed in October 1989.

* An evaluation workshop with CRY, Bombay, was organised from February 8-9, 1990.

* An evaluation planning meeting was held with the ASSEFA team in New Delhi.
SECTORAL

* Ongoing support to VANI and participation in its various activities were undertaken during this period. One such activity was a Study of NGOs in India, which is under progress.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

* The evaluation of PRIA was completed at the beginning of the year and as a follow up to this, a staff reflection on the findings was held at Dehradun during June 18-21, 1989.

* PRIA team participated in a workshop in Holland on Fundraising in August 1989.

* PRIA team participated in the National Secretary's Planning meeting of AALAE in Nairobi in August 1989.

* PRIA team attended the Participatory Research Encounter held in Nicaragua during September 1989.

* PRIA team attended a month long workshop on International Leadership organised by ICAE, in coordination with CEAAL, in Chile in September 1989.

* PRIA team participated in a South Asian workshop on "Women and Development Management" organised by the Asian and Pacific Development Centre in Kuala Lampur from 2-6 October, 1989.

* PRIA team participated in the World Assembly Programme Planning Committee meetings of ICAE in October and December 1989, and also participated in the World Assembly held during January 8-18, 1990 at Bangkok, Thailand.

* PRIA team participated in regional planning meetings for the Education for All Conference. These planning meetings were held in Manila in July 1989, and in Jakarta in September 1989. Also, PRIA team attended the Regional Conference on 'Education For All' which was held in Bangladesh from 8-10, December, 1989. PRIA also participated in the final World Conference on 'Education For All' which was held at Bangkok, Thailand, during March 1990.