

9.0 OBSERVATIONS AND PIONTERS FROM THE STUDY

9.01 This study is a status report of different welfare programmes implemented in the district during the last three years. Based on the sample study of six villages, discussions with the implementing agencies, community and the elected representatives the following observations and pointers are made :

Observations

- IRDP concept has been changed to Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana since 1999 and 41 groups have been formed during 1999 - 2000 in the district for self employment and projects have been identified. But the actual start of work by these groups is yet to start.
- The housing programme to the poor has been appreciated by all concerned.
- Proper utilisation of IRDP benefits is not seen fully. This as perceived by some of the panchayat members, is due to lack of identification of correct needs for income generation.
- Identification of beneficiaries under IRD Programme were generally done in the Gram Sabha, but with lesser transparency. However, the process of identification of beneficiaries under the housing programme has been through the Grama Sabha.
- There are more than two dozens of line departments implementing the anti-poverty programmes. This requires continuous coordination between the line departments and the ZP in the implementation of activities which is weak now.
- Community Participation is seen in two of the six sample villages. These are Arakalvadi and Agara villages where the World Bank assisted Integrated Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation project has been implemented. Community Participation is one of the component of this project.
- The data indicate that the welfare programmes implemented have been targeted the weaker section like SCs, STs and the Women. Assets have been created and are utilised. Also, employment and income have been generated. The beneficiaries on the whole perceive that the welfare programmes implemented by the government are good and useful.

Pointers

- Identification of beneficiaries and activities has to be need based and area specific.
- Focus on community participation for better utilisation of benefits.
- Creating awareness among the community and the elected representatives on different welfare programmes.
- Maintenance of information has to be improved.
- Developing marketing strategy for the SHGs under the SGSY programme.

- Follow-up of the beneficiaries under income generating activities for ensuring the desired end result. The problems emerging during the process has to be addressed and guidance have to be provided to the beneficiaries.
- Institutionalising the intended programmes at the Gram Panchayat level.
- There has been a change in the economic levels of the community. The survey results presented in this report serves as a bench mark. This needs observations to be documented through follow-up surveys over a period of time in order to understand the direction of change.

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