I. Participatory Research

1. In collaboration with International Council for Adult Education, a study on participatory research, evaluation and training efforts in India has been initiated. It is being carried out in collaboration with 5 other organisations comprising of such examples. These examples are Forest studies in Himachal Pradesh and Orissa, study on women's problems in Rajasthan, training efforts with rural women and urban slum dwellers and evaluation efforts with Gram Vikas and AUKUR. The study aims to critically examine these experiences in relation to the characteristic of local control, empowerment, popular knowledge and authenticity. Field work in the study has been completed and a draft report will be prepared next year. A popular version in Hindi is also planned.

2. The Society has undertaken a study of Land & Ownership and Alienation in India. A workshop was held at Kaya Rural Training Centre of Seva Mandir, Udaipur during February 6-10, 1984. In this connection, sixty persons from 20 field based organisations attended the workshop. Several field studies were planned and were carried out during the year. Some more are still going on. In various places, these studies have led to local mobilisation of the people who are loosing their land.
A workshop on the question of big dams in India relating to the experiences of Koel-Karo is planned during Feb. 18-20, 1985 at Ranchi in collaboration with XISS, CSE, New Delhi and IBI, New Delhi.

Several regional workshops are planned for 1985 in different states of the country. It is also proposed that a national workshop be held towards the end of 1985 to focus on the strategies of mobilisation on land related issues.

The Society initiated a study on Workers Awareness and Occupational Health. A national workshop was held at Bombay on Feb. 26-29, 1984. Fifty seven participants from 30 organisations, mostly worker activists, came from such industries as Textile, Chemical, Engineering, Fertilizer and Paper etc. and several representatives of un-organised sectors like brick-klin. Several follow-up steps were planned. One of them is to conduct local studies. These studies have been carried out during the year in collaboration with local activists and their report will be prepared in 1985.

It is planned that industry-wise workshops be held for Textile, Engineering, Chemical & Fertilizer, unorganised sector and rural sector. Preparation of educational materials is also planned.

The Society initiated a study on the needs of worker education.
India, in particular in the textile industry. A Preliminary report has been prepared.

4. Following on the international study, the Society initiated a study on the Role of Adult and Non-formal Education in the Community Involvement in Primary Health Care. Case studies of five experiences in India are being prepared. A draft report will be prepared in 1985. And a dissemination meeting is also planned.

In collaboration with International Council for Adult Education the Society intends to prepare a manual for field workers on this theme in 1985.

5. The Society began the process of consultation with several partner organisations to develop a programme on women’s income-generating activities. These discussion has led to the plan to hold a national workshop on this issues in March 1985. Concrete follow-up activities will emerge after the workshop.

6. XISS Ranchi was assisted in investigating the problems of land records in the Koel-Karo area.

II. Participatory Evaluation

1. Participatory Evaluation of Gram Vikas, Orissa was continued on an ongoing basis. Field workers were assisted in planning and evaluating their ongoing programmes.
2. The staff of a newly formed organisation called SPARC Bombay, working among women pavement dwellers, was assisted in planning their organisation and programmes.

3. Bombay Slum Citizen's Development Project of Mirmala Niketan Bombay was assisted in evaluating its work. Initial focus on the functioning of the project team was completed. The data collection in the field is still going on.

4. Participatory Evaluation of Jagarna (working with tribals in Koraput, Orissa) was initiated and completed during the year. It focused upon the strengths and shortcomings, the organization structure, future programmes and directions, and training of staff.

5. Mhadaal project (working with harijans in Miraj, Maharashtra) was assisted in setting up its participatory evaluation. Field data collection is still being carried out.

6. Samagra Bikash Parishad (working with harijans, women and fishermen in Balasore, Orissa) was assisted in its participatory evaluation. It focused upon strengths and weaknesses, programme directions and tactics and future planning.

7. Young Workers Education Project (working mainly among young women workers in Free Trade Zones) in Penang was assisted in evaluating its work. The focus of evaluation was primarily on the evaluation of mechanisms of long term worker control of the education centre.
8. National Federation of Sugar Workers Union in Philippines was assisted in reflecting on its experiences of last six years. The evaluation focused on their educational programmes, organisational structure and future strategy.

9. Discussions were held with YWCA and some field visits were made to explore the possibility of assisting them in evaluating their field projects.

III. Participatory Training

1. The Society has started a major programme of Training of Trainers of field-based groups. The programme is intended to build internal training capability in local organisations. It has been planned in three phases. The first phase was held at Kaya Rural Training Centre, Udaipur during July 10-18, 1984 and the second phase was held at Gram Vikas, Orissa during November 29, to Dec. 7, 1984. Twenty-six participants from 10 different organisations are going through this programme.

The third-phase will be held in Trivandrum during April 14-18, 1985.

A manual of Training of Trainers is planned for 1985. The second round of this programme will also be initiated in the second half of 1985.
2. Society for Participatory Research in Asia, New Delhi, organised a workshop on Community Organisation in Collaboration with India Social Institute New Delhi at their premises during May 29–June 1984. Thirtyfive participants attended the programme. Besides a major session on socio-economic analysis, the participants also learnt about adult education, primary health care, civic issues and legal aid as entry points to community organization. Method of community work and communication were also covered in the programme.

3. A week long training programme of trade union activists was conducted by PRIA in collaboration with ISI, New Delhi during August 13–19, 1984. It was attended by 30 participants from Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Bihar, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh. The programme covered the history of labour movement in India, the history of labour legislations, key labour legislations like Trade Union Act, Factories Act, Industrial Disputes Act, several wage and welfare related legislations, the domestic enquiry and standing order strategies of organizing the unorganized sectors, negotiation skills, etc.

IV. Workshops and Seminars

1. A workshop of 20 participants from seven different action groups working in rural areas of Tamil Nadu was held at Rural Theology
Institute, Madurai during January 22-24, 1984. Organised by Resources Centre for People's Education and Development, Madurai with support from PRIA, the workshop participants learnt about the organisation and struggles of industrial working class, in particular the textile strike of Bombay. Discussions on 'Participatory Research', problems and prospects of action groups in India, etc. were also held.

The participants made some follow-up plans for future training programmes.

2. A seminar on participatory research was given at Tamilnadu Theological Seminary, Madurai on January 24, 1984.

3. During February 18-19, 1984 a workshop of 100 activists from textile industry was held in Kanpur. One of the main outcomes of the workshop was to develop worker education programmes for textile workers. The need for further studying worker education issues was also raised. PRIA has planned a collaborative study on this issue.

4. Dr. John Gaventa and Dr. Juliet Merrifield of Highlander Research and Education Centre, Tennessee, USA gave a talk on "Power and Powerlessness: Grassroots Struggles in the Southern United States" on February 22, 1984 at ISI, New Delhi. Dr. Gaventa and Dr. Merrifield were visiting PRIA.
5. A meeting to plan the Study on Participatory Research, Evaluation and Training efforts in India, was held at Gram Vikas, Orissa. Fifteen participants from eight organisations attended the meeting held on March 13-15, 1984. Plans were made for making an in-depth analysis of seven experiences in the country during the next eight months.

6. Asian and South Pacific Bureau of Adult Education and the Association for Continuing Education, Malaysia organised a follow-up training for non-formal educators at Kuala Lumpur during April 2-6, 1984. It was attended by over thirty non-formal education workers from Malaysia, Thailand, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Srilanka, India, Philippines, Singapore and Nepal. A session on Participatory Research was held in the programme.

7. An evening discussion on Participatory Research and its relevance to workers' organisations was also held with ten worker activists from Malaysia on April 4, 1984.

8. A Participatory Evaluation workshop with three field-based groups from Orissa was held during May 4-5, 1984. Sixteen participants attended the workshop and planned their evaluation efforts. The field groups were Jagarna Koraput, Samagra Bikash Parishad, Balasore, and Community Health and Education Project, Keonjhar.

9. Discussion on participatory research and land ownership and alienation...
tion were held with the staff of XISS Ranchi on May 8, 1984.

10. A one day workshop on Participatory Research was organized at Penang, Malaysia on June 30, 1984. It was attended by fourteen participants comprising of adult educators, students, researchers and worker activists from Malaysia and Singapore.

11. The key staff of Service Civile International New Delhi were given an orientation on Participatory Evaluation on July 7, 1984.

12. In collaboration with RCPED, a workshop was held at Madurai during July 30 to August 2, 1984. Fourtynine persons participated in this workshop from 30 different organisations. The programme discussed history of rural organizations, land alienation, women's issues and the problems of unorganized sector.

13. A two-day workshop with IAS provioners on simulating rural reality was held at Mussoorie on August 9-10, 1984.

14. A two-day workshop on Role of Adult/non-formal education in Community Involvement in Primary Health Care was held during August promoting Ghana 23-24, 1984 in New Delhi. Representatives of five partner groups attended the workshop to plan the study.

15. PRIA participated in IDRC sponsored workshop on NGO's held during September 11 - 14, 1984 in Colombo. Several active members of Asian PR network attended this as well as a similar South-east Asian meeting.
16. A two-day workshop on skill-building of field workers in participatory evaluation was held for ANKUR on September 21-22, 1984.

17. A follow-up workshop on deforestation in Himachal Pradesh was held at Simla, attended by the representatives of the three collaborating groups on October 12, 1984 to plan future programme after the dissemination of study report in popular form.

18. A follow-up workshop to be a preliminary analysis of field work done in the study of participatory research, evaluation and training was held on November 15-16, 1984 in Delhi. Fifteen representatives of partner organisations involved in the study attended the workshop.

19. Discussions were held to explore the possibility of collaborating with SEACCH, Bangalore in future.

V. Networking

1. Following the regional meeting in late 1983, the coordination of Asian regional network as well as distribution of the newsletter has been substantially decentralised.

2. An important European Network meeting was held at Naples on May 26, 1984 to discuss the strategy of European PR Network.
VI. **Other Activities**

The society was involved in several other issues and networks which emerged during the course of the year.

a) PRIA staff attended several Orissa Action Group meetings.

b) PRIA staff attended several meetings of Delhi Voluntary groups organised by ISI and YWCA, New Delhi.

c) PRIA was a part of network of the Jhuggi-Jhonpri Nivasi Adhikar Samiti to mobilise the slum-dwellers against the laws enacted to evict them.

d) PRIA is involved in thearising out of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy and assisting local groups in Bhopal, to provide relief and compensation to the affected people.

VII. **Publication**

Following are the other materials prepared in a mimeo form during the year:

a) Report of the Land Ownership and Alienation (E&H)

b) Workers Awareness and Occupational Health Workshop (E & H)

c) Training of Trainers-I (E&H)

d) Training of Trainers phase-II (E&H)

e) Preparation of text of a booklet on DWCRA in English, and preparation of texts in English and Hindi as:

1) How to conduct Participatory Training among women?

2) How to carry out Participatory Planning with women?
111) How to conduct Participatory Evaluation of Women's Programmes?

in collaboration with UNICEF, New Delhi.

a) The Quarterly Newsletter was regularly brought out during the year.

b) As part of the international networking, two issues of Participatory Research International Networking Memo were brought out.

(Please see publications list also)
Preparation and publication of learning materials for activists in the field is a part of our activity. Our materials primarily emerge out of our work with activists and local groups engaged in the education and organization of the rural and urban poor.

We decided to undertake publication only as a way of making inexpensive and simply written materials available for such individuals and groups. In order for us to continue to do so in future, we have indicated the contribution amount that we would appreciate from you for each of those publications.

Please note that figures in the parentheses are for distribution outside India and include surface postage. Given our meagre resources, we will not be able to give discounts. We hope you will support us in this endeavour.

Series under collaboration with International Council for Adult Education and the Participatory Research Network.

1. Creating Knowledge: A Monopoly?
   It contains a collection of 13 papers on participatory research both theoretical and case studies by authors from different parts of the world and reflecting a variety of contexts and approaches.
   Edited by Budd L. Hall, Arthur Gillette and Rajesh Tandon, Rs. 30 (US $ 8) 1982 pp 209
2. Participatory Research: An Emerging Alternative Methodology In Social Science Research.

It is based on the 1979 African Regional Workshop on Participatory Research held in Muzumbe, Tanzania. Contains the four theoretical discussion papers and responses to them, an seven case studies from different countries of Africa.

Edited by Yusuf Kassam and Kemal Mustafa
Rs. 30 (US $ 5) 1982 pp252


This is a collective product of the International Network of Participatory Research to serve as a basic introduction to the subject for community organizers and field level staff. Based on the case studies presented and discussions held during and after the International Forum on Participatory Research held in Yugoslavia, 1980

Rs. 15 (US $ 5) 1982 pp50

Participatory Training for Rural Development

This book describes eight case studies of participatory training with poor farmers, tribals, women, activists etc. A simply written introduction gives the principles of participatory training.

Edited by Om Shrivastava and Rajesh Tandon
Rs. 30 (US $ 8) 1982 pp. 191
Deforestation in Himachal Pradesh

This report is based on the participatory research carried out by us in collaboration with local groups in Himachal Pradesh. It describes the extent and causes of deforestation and people's role in protecting and recreating forests.

Rs. 7 (US $3) 1984 pp. 44

Grass-Roots Participation and Self-Reliance

This book brings seven experiences of Asian countries in promoting grass-roots participation and self-reliance. It is part of the ILO programme of participatory organizations of the rural poor.

Edited by Md. Anisur Rahman,
Published in collaboration with Oxford & IBH Publishing Co.

Rs. 28 (US $8) 1984 pp. 215.

Labour Movement and Legislation in India: A Manual for Activists

This simply written manual is meant for worker activists. It describes the history of labour movement and the evolution of labour legislation in India. It then provides simplified versions of several important labour legislations in India -- Trade Union Act, Factories Act, Standing Orders, Industrial Disputes Act, several Acts related to wages, and benefits.

Land Ownership and Alienation: A Manual for Activists

This simply written and illustrated manual is meant for activists working in rural areas. It describes the problem of land ownership in the country, the history and impact of land reforms, and the extent and causes of land alienation. It also shows how to use land records, how to investigate land issues and how to use land laws. It also presents six case studies of recent struggle on the issue of land alienation. Also lists all the land laws in the country.

Rs. 15 (US $ 6) 1984 pp. 64

Occupational Health and Safety: A Manual for Activists

This simply written and illustrated manual focuses on the problems of occupational health and safety in India. It informs the activists about the types of hazards and how to prevent them. It contains information on safety, physical hazards (noise, heat, humidity, vibration, shift work etc.) and occupational diseases (arising from dusts like cotton, silica, asbestos, mica, wood etc. and chemicals). It also suggests how workers can investigate the hazards and how they can act to prevent them.

Other Publications

We have contributed in the preparation of the following publications, available from the institutions referred to:

1. Participatory Research and Evaluation

   This book brings together six papers and five case studies on the theme from India. It describes how experiments in research can be a process of liberation for the poor people.

   Edited by: Walter Fernandes and Rajesh Tandon
   Rs. 25 (US $ 6) 1981 pp. 213
   Available from: Indian Social Institute, Lodhi Institutional Area, New Delhi-110 003.

2. Booklet on Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas

   It describes the above programme for women and children in India. It is meant for fieldworkers. 1984 pp.34 Free
   Available from: UNICEF 73 Lodi Estate, New Delhi-110 003.

3. Didactic Bulletin Series on Women's Participation in Development.

   (i) How to Conduct Participatory Research Among Women?
   (ii) How to Communicate Effectively with Grass-Roots women?
   (iii) How to Organise Women's Groups?

   All printed in 1984 About 30 pages each free

   (iv) How to conduct Participatory Training among women?
   (v) How to carry out Participatory Planning with Women?
(vi) How to Conduct Participation Evaluation of Women's Programmes?

Available from: UNICEF, 72, Lodi Estate, New Delhi - 110 001

4. Organising for Health

This manual for fieldworkers describes adult education methods in promoting community involvement in primary health care. It is based on a nine country study on the same theme.

US $5 1984. CDN $7.50

Available from: ICAE, 29 Prince Arthur Avenue, Toronto M5R 1B2 Canada.