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Abstract of Doctoral Dissertation

People's Participation in Watershed Programmes : A Study of Select Villages in Ranga Reddy District, Andhra Pradesh¹

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I. Introduction

PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION HAS become a compulsory process, in recent decades to ensure positive results in any programme. After all programmes reformulated and implemented for the welfare of the public. If the public are involved in the formation and implementation for these programmes, there is very possibility of incorporation of public needs and demands. And there is a possibility moulding the contents of the according to the requirements of the public. If people are participating / involved in the programmes, especially local people for whom programmes are formulated, results would have been much better.

1.1 People's Participation

The development of rainfed through the watershed approach is currently given high priority at the national level. Many non-governmental organizations and international bodies are also supporting the watershed programme in different parts of the country. It is now widely recognized the active participation of people is crucial for sustainability of development under the watershed programme. Hence greater importance is now laid on a participation approach in all phase of the programme of various results and operational modalities have been suggested for the facilitation of people's participation in the watershed programmes. The above facts have grouped under four categories, social factors, technological factors, financial factors and management factors.

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