

During the past two years, the participatory research network in Asia has seen the following activities:

(1) Network Contacts: In the course of last two years the network has about 100 Asian and International contacts, more than 50% of them are very active. Many of these people have sent information about their activities and all of them have been supplied with information and documents of participatory research.

(2) Meetings: There have been three major participatory meetings: first in Delhi during February, 1979; second in Bangkok (a short regional meeting) during April, 1979; and third, a meeting in South India during December, 1979.

Moreover, several meetings have been attended by various persons of the network and this theme have been presented.

(3) Papers Duplicated: A total of ²⁵ papers had been cyclostyled and duplicated and mailed to all contacts of the network. Efforts have been made to cyclostyle more papers.

(4) Books: A book entitled "Participatory Research in Asia" is being published by Centre for Continuing Education, Canberra, Australia. Another book entitled "Creating Knowledge: A Monopoly" is being published during this year.

(5) Several studies have been directly supported as well as recommended for future support by other regions. Those which have been directly supported are:

(a) Mobilisation of Women in Shramik Shangatan, Maharashtra.

(b) Building an organisation of migrant workers in Mehranli.

- (iii) Participatory organisations
- (iv) Education and mobilisation of blue-collar industrial workers.
- (v) Role of Women in Agricultural production economy.
- (vi) Collective action for economic development.

More than a dozen studies have been recommended for funding to other regions.

(6) Linkages: The various institutional linkages established by Participatory Research network in Asia include Centre for Continuing Education, Canberra, Indian Adult Education Association, Asian and Pacific Centre for Women in Development Bangkok, UNESCO Regional Office Bangkok, World Health Organisation, Regional Office, New Delhi, Danish International Development Agency, Korean Adult Education Association etc. Many of these linkages have paid dividends in terms of propoganding and supporting participatory research work by inviting members of network to their workshops and seminars as well as by funding their work.

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