

successful watersheds/Kisan Vikas Kendras etc. where they could see the demonstration of successful technologies/practices/designs that are relevant to them. Use of audio Visual media to increase awareness and motivation among SHG/UG members should be encouraged.

38. Training and community mobilisation are a pre-requisite before initiating developmental work in the watershed projects. Prior sensitization and orientation training should be imparted to all senior functionaries including PDs/CEOs at the district/block levels on Watershed Project Management before they resume their responsibilities. The Training Programmes organized by SIRDs and other similar training programmes should also address the use of remote sensing data and GIS techniques in their curriculum. In the districts, capacity building centers may be established or existing centers should be upgraded with the resources like Resource Persons, facility for training development, dissemination of information support service for technology aspects, expertise in social mobilisation, community empowerment and self-management, facilities for convergence and equity issues and provision for cross visits to best practice locations. To overcome the constraint of inadequate capacity particularly at PIA and WC level, a National Committee for Watershed Training has been constituted under the Chairmanship of DG, NIRD. The States/districts may get in touch with DG NIRD, Hyderabad for further guidance in this regard.

Activities for Watershed Development

39. WDT shall call a meeting of the Watershed Association for preparation of watershed treatment/development plan, on the basis of the information generated from the benchmark survey of the watershed areas & detailed PRA exercise. After general discussion, the WC will prepare an integrated Watershed Development Plan under the guidance of the WDT and submit the same to PIA. The WDT should utilize various thematic maps relating to land and water resources development to prepare the watershed development plans. This Watershed Development Plan shall necessarily mention the clear