

## **Chapter-6**

### **Integrated Watershed Development Project (Hills II ), Hoshiarpur**

#### **Brief Profile of the Department / Organisation**

The World Bank Assisted Programme is currently on going for the Integrated Development of hill tracts called 'Kandi Area' which is characterized by seasonal run-off water forming 'choes' and causing soil erosion & redeposition of land. The development works bear an integrated approach for watershed protection, community development that include Soil Conservation, Horticulture, Agriculture, Forestry, Animal Husbandry, Rural infrastructure development and Augmentation of drinking water supply in villages of Kandi. The members of community are involved in planning and execution of works and ensuring sustainability of the assets created by project. The project made a positive impact on the economy of rural households, the village economy and the environment. People's participation improved as the project progressed and crop yields, plant density in non-arable lands and milk yield also improved considerably.

Integrated Watershed Development Project (Hills-II) has been assigning utmost importance to the organization of people, their empowerment, capacity building and to ensure means of their sustained livelihood keeping in mind the demography of the area and socio-economic conditions of the people of the shivalik ecosystem. Apart from trying to increase the productivity of the area through watershed treatment techniques, the project envisages to uplift the economy and standard of living of small landholders, women, landless and other disadvantaged sections of the society by helping them directly / indirectly. The project has given a lot of thrust to formation of Self Help Groups (SHG's) especially of women. Apart from inculcating saving habits and making micro-credit easily available it also helps them become more aware and capable and finally these groups prove very helpful in these women adopting different IGA's. SHG's are also being formed of men only or of mixed gender. Trainings have been imparted under the project to a large number of people, SHG's as well as other weaker sections. Project has been able to reach out to a large member of beneficiaries. Backward and forward linkages have been successfully worked out in many instances.

#### **Schemes / Proposals under RSVY**

##### **I. Smriti Sanji Van Yojana**

In order to create awareness about the importance of environment and forests, this Scheme of raising general and multipurpose and medicinal value tree plantation in all Villages and common lands of the district is being proposed. The objective of the Scheme would be to create green cover in the schools and common lands, The species selected for such afforestation are general, Neem, Jamun, Harad, Behara, Khattal, Mango, Amla, Toot, Siris etc.



			Total:	3610.00
			Contingency 10%	361.00
			<b>G.Total</b>	<b>3971.00</b>
	<b>40 /- per plant cost.</b>		<b>Or say</b>	<b>4000.00</b>