

## APPENDIX VIII

## CONCEPT AND CONTENT OF ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The Adult Education Programme has three mutually reinforcing elements: Literacy, Functionality and Awareness.

*1 Literacy* It is integrated with general education which includes knowledge of the basic features of the Constitution of India, promotion of national integration and a deepening of the cultural background. The participants are encouraged to learn about health and family planning, importance of conservation of environment, relevance of science and scientific temper for shaping the future.

*2 Functionality* The aim of functionality is improvement of vocational skills for more productive use of time. For a dry land agriculturist, for instance, it

implies an understanding of means for better care of his land, dexterity in modern dry farming and information about the institutions which can provide inputs for improved agriculture.

Functionality also includes acquisition of skills to supplement one's income through village industries and industries such as poultry farming and dairying.

*3. Awareness:* It is a significant element of the programme. It aims at making the learners capable to shape their own future through the inter-linking of learning, reflection and concrete action. The participants are encouraged to know about laws and Government policies affecting them and in raising their general awareness about the same.