ABSTRACT

There is a general impression that development means just creation of infrastructure. As a result of this, development could not become need-based and relevant to social circumstances. Participation implies participation at all stages of the programme, viz., planning, formulation, implementation, and decision-making, sharing the benefits of development, monitoring and evaluation. The development of human resources particularly women have been neglected/denied. Educational backwardness is the major reason why women lag behind men. Moreover, women in India experience unacceptable levels of violence in the family within the community, work place, public places and at the custodial institutions. It is the manifestation of the historically unequal power relations between men and women, which have lead to domination over and discrimination against women and the prevention of women's full advancement