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People Power

Active Citizen’s Training (A Project supported by Sir Ratan Tata Trust)

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Project Overview

- **Goal**: Promoting Citizens’ Initiatives for better governance through a multilevel training programme
- **Target**: train 75000 active citizens in 1000 mandals
- **Duration**: 3 years from April 2001- March 2004
- **Estimated Cost**: Rs. 86,47,150
- **Funded by Sir Ratan Tata Trust**: Rs. 60,00,000
- **From other Sources**: Rs. 26,47,150
Approach

- Objective: Impart requisite skills to Citizens on techniques of informed and collective assertion

- Wide dissemination of information through distribution of literature, street plays and other forms of mass communication

- Multi-level training in a staggered manner viz. Master trainers, Trainers and Active Citizens
Implementation plan as originally envisaged

- Staggered training in 3 phases
- Districts were divided into 3 categories and training was scheduled depending upon the organizational readiness in those districts
- Separate training for Master trainers, Senior trainers, trainers and active citizens was envisaged
Mid-course corrections

- Senior trainers and trainers were clubbed into a single category
- Training of active citizens was undertaken in majority of the districts simultaneously (without adhering to phase wise execution as envisaged)
- Follow up /refresher training was postponed until the final year
Current Status - Physical

- Active citizen training well underway in 18 of 23 districts.
- A total of 30,112 citizens trained so far
- A total of 444 senior trainers and 811 trainers trained so far
- 191 performances by cultural troupes were held
- Refresher programmes for Senior trainers and trainers were held in a few districts
Financials as of 31 March, 2003

- Total disbursement from Sir Ratan Tata Trust – Rs 32,00,000
- Total expenditure incurred on ACT programme – Rs 40,48,986
- Expenditure incurred from SRTT sources – Rs 25,74,066
- Expenditure incurred from other sources – Rs 14,74,920
Successful initiatives across AP attributable to ACT

- P. Sammakka, a Girijan woman Sarpanch, was not allowed to perform her duties by the upper caste landlords - Nayakapalli, Gudur Mandal, Warangal District
- Cheating of unemployed youth – Nalgonda District
- Land grabbing – worth Rs. 14 crores. - Kurnool City
- Land grabbing – worth Rs. 1 crore – Quthbullapur
Successful initiatives across AP attributable to ACT

- Right to Information’, - Palvancha town, Khammam District
- Fake doctors – Ophthalmologist and Neurologist - Guntur City
- Corruption in Tenders pertaining to the construction of shopping complex - Mandapeta, East Godavari District
Successful initiatives across AP attributable to ACT

- Corruption in Registration Office - Guntur City
- Corruption in issuing driving licenses - Tuni, East Godavari District
- Corruption in Electricity Department - Narsampet, Warangal District
- Doctor of the District Hospital demanded bribe money for Post-Mortem - Karimnagar town.
Future Plans

- About 250 trainers will be trained.
- Complete training of 44,000 active citizens by March 2004 as envisaged.
- Another 600 performances by cultural troupes will be organized in the next 6 months across the state excepting for 5 districts.
- Impact assessment will be undertaken to get feedback from approx. 10% of the active citizens who underwent training.