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NOTES AND REFERENCES
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1. Preparation of Directory of Organizations in Rural Development is a regular task since from the year 1980 – 1981, under Centre for Management of Rural Development Programmes, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta. Till 2004, 9 volumes of the said directory have been brought out. While total number of voluntary organization / NGOs in this 9 volumes is 2241. Regarding preparation of the directory of organizations in rural development, the names and addresses are collected from various state and central government and NGOs. Then a structured questionnaire is mailed to different voluntary organizations/NGOs to collect various information related to the organization and rural development projects and asking the name and addresses of the voluntary organizations/NGOs functioning in your area or known to you. Thus after receiving the information from the respondent organizations, the data are compiled for the preparation of the directory. Whenever it is possible the data is also collected by personal interviews in the State of West Bengal only in order to study in-depth about voluntary organizations/NGOs. The reasons behind to conduct personal interviews in this state only which is due to IIMC (Indian Institute of Management Calcutta) is located in West Bengal and as a result of this the NGOs are easily accessible and also availability of limited resources i.e. manpower, finance, infrastructural facilities etc. It is very much
disheartening to note that the responses from the voluntary organizations/NGOs are very poor which are mailed according to the list collected from various state and central governments. It was noted that poor responses from the part of the organizations mainly are due to (a) non-existence of the organization (b) comprehensive of the questionnaire and complexity of the questions asked (c) postal problem (d) organization responsibilities etc. Moreover, there is no database maintained for the organizations both at the national and state levels which becomes a major difficulty in the clear understanding of the voluntary sector.
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