CHAPTER - VII

PUBLIC LIBRARY INFORMATION SYSTEM IN ANDHRA PRADESH: A PROTOTYPE DESIGN

Introduction

Information plays a crucial role in the development of a country. It is a basic responsibility of a welfare government to ensure that proper communication system is built up for effective distribution of information and diffusion of knowledge.

7.1. Structure

The state focal point for SC community information service may be set up as separate cell or unit in the State Central Library, Hyderabad. District Central libraries may take the responsibility for fostering community information service in their jurisdiction. A separate cell for this purpose may be established within each district central library. Down below, the SCP libraries will be overseen and coordinated by the separate unit established in the district central library.
7.2. Information System

An information system as illustrated in Fig 7.1 must be developed to meet the information needs of the scheduled castes. The grants under SCP must be exclusively spent for procuring documents related SC community information needs. Good rapport needs to be developed between public library system in AP and other allied agencies striving for the welfare of the SC community. Information products and services must be geared upto SC community needs. Proper documentation services, Databanks, Referral centers, Reprography facilities shall be developed to face the crisis. Information professionals should act as agents of social transformation. The function of marketing has long been overlooked in public libraries. There is need to develop proper dissemination channels. There is immediate need to exploit the Information Technology to network the public library system in the State.
Fig. 7.1 Model Plan for SCP Library System