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PREFACE

ICIMOD commissioned SPWD (Society for the Promotion of Wasteland Development) to conduct two case studies on the management of two selected watersheds in the Himalayas with the objective of "learning lessons" in order to develop training programmes on watershed management. The SPWD used its inhouse expertise to carry out the study. The team exclusively deployed for this purpose included Mr. R.K. Mukherjee; a watershed management specialist (designated National Coordinator for these studies), Mr. A.V. Ramakrishna Rao, a forestry expert, and Mr. Nirmal Kumar Panda, an agricultural economist.

The team visited the Sangrah watershed in the catchment of the Giribata River from the 1st to 6th of March, 1987, and the Gabhini watershed in the Ramganga catchment from the 19th to 25th of March and from the 27th to 30th of April, 1987. The team had discussions with the principal officials of the project in the central government, principal executives and planners at the State level, the implementing authorities of the line departments at the district level, and the local institutions and people at the village level. The data collected and the observations made by the study team were compiled to produce this report, which is divided into three parts after the introduction. Parts A and B contain analytical descriptions of the Gabhini and the Sangrah watersheds respectively. The conclusions that were derived from both the cases are discussed in Part C of the report. Annexes follow the parts to which they are relevant.

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