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SECRETARY'S DESK

Friends,

The annual general meeting of our society held on 3rs August; 2014 at the registered office of the society and the members participated in the said meeting and formed a quorum by more than 1/3rd of the total members of the society. In the said meeting, the members have passed the audited accounts and elected the new Executive Committee. Treasurer Mr. Debasis Goswami quit from his responsibility and Ms Manisha Ghosh has been elected his position through general meeting election this year. This year we have amended our organisation objectives and include more than previous numbers of objectives/issues so far which can change the poor people lives.

During the year **2013- 2014** a number of Community Development Programme viz., Human Rights issue, Women Empowerments, Children education, Sports, youth issue, Aged people, Tobacco control, Cultural programme. Superstations', renewable energy issue etc. We have helped the aged, sick, helpless and indigent people; we have improved the social and cultural life of the people by organizing various social and cultural functions time to time. We have helped the needy students of all communities for their Studies; we have promoted sympathy, fellow feeling and unity among the members of our society.

To conclude, our sincere rest gratitude and warm wishes to all the individual donors, members, volunteers and sympathizers of “**People’s Participation**”, whose unstinted support in every possible way has made our task much easier to accomplish. Hope you will co-operate the next committee to do more works in future.

This year we will drive to grab the Corporate Social Responsibility Grants from different corporate houses.

With regards,

Secretary

FROM PP’s CORNER:

Human Rights is the rights which cannot be given or get but by born s/he earns. To get the food, shelter and cloth are the basic rights of each people apart from many others like freedom of speech, freedom of reside, freedom of choose religion and/or culture etc. Primarily, we are focused on the Rights on Food as per the need and culture. We, People’s Participation are concentrated on the beggars whose rights on food are denied. Our relentless struggle against this denial is on till the battle is on. All disadvantaged groups e.g. women, children, aged and others irrespective of their castes, creeds, colours, status etc. have the inherent capacity to take responsibility and make choices about their lives. In fact, they are able to articulate and access their rights and emerge as leaders facilitating positive social change. People’s Participation (PP) sees itself as a facilitator enabling this change. It believes that access to information and knowledge about the world and the changing political, social and economic structures contribute to the target groups having greater control over their lives.

A culture of silence prevents the disadvantaged groups from articulating their dreams and aspirations as well as to express the pains of violations they have experienced. People’s Participation hopes to create a culture of questioning that strengthens their abilities to challenge and change the structures that keep them silent. A collaborative and collective process that connects individuals and organization with each other enhances learning in a mutually beneficial way. People’s Participation aims to draw on this synergy to help reach common goals. **People’s Participation** activities spread to several Districts in West Bengal and assistant has come from the local authorities, eminent personnel and citizens. Committed individuals from every lifestyle have chipped in. Since its inception, the goal of the People’s Participation team has been to ensure that people gets their rights and is living in a healthy environment.

Over this 8-year period, People’s Participation has organized thousands of people in different areas to become human rights facilitators, catalyzing life style changes within their communities. People’s Participation has developed a unique model based on Peoples’ rights to participation and development wherein they act as agents of change by forming groups and spreading awareness within their localities. As we look back on another year and reflect on achievements and obstacles, let us reiterate the key elements that make **People’s Participation** unique—its replicable and

strong foundation, a broad vision encompassing an inclusive geographical approach, a complete coverage, coupled with close links and co-operation with the Government.

From PP's office desk:

Collaboration has always been a driving force behind **People's Participation** mission to see that all people enjoy their RIGHT TO LIFE, right to get information, right to vote, right to speak, right to work & food, rights to health, education, equality, and protection. People's Participation continues to build alliances with Governments, communities, general people & other stakeholders.

VISION of 'People's Participation': Empowerment of the vulnerable section of the disadvantaged section; to provide basic Education, Health, Training, Recreation to the downtrodden people and empowerment of women and adolescent girls of the Society. To secure **"Food-Shelter- Work"** for all' is our dream.

OBJECTIVES of us:

- a) To promote sympathy, fellow feelings and unity among the followers of different faith so as to evolve a sense of social and religious toleration.
- b) To enlistment the child rights for the poor children, in regard their education, primary health, nutrition and vocational trainings.
- c) To work for the women's various issues- as against dowry custom, domestic violations, education, mental health etc.
- d) Gender sensitization programmes, human rights awareness programmes, programmes against addictions and more awareness programmes as and when required against social evils among the different communities.
- e) Rehabilitation programmes for the beggars/Vagrants.
- f) Rehabilitation programme for the old men and women.
- g) To do all social welfare activities including public health and other development works in the communities.
- h) To promote and encourage advancement of literacy, cultural, political and religious education.
- i) To work on a major population health issue (communicable, non-communicable and sexually transmitted diseases) as STD/HIV and AIDS through preventive actions, awareness, early detection, screening and management involving establishment of charitable hospitals, with medical staffs, health workers and volunteers.
- j) To work against human trafficking, to prohibit this trade from the root, create awareness among the community people against this social evil.
- k) to work for the "poorest of the poor" community in our society to establishment their food and work rights.
- l) to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the forgoing objects.

Included more objectives through Amendment in 2013-14

- h) To promote and encourage advancement of literacy, cultural and education (**Previously mentioned as:** to promote and encourage advancement of literacy, cultural, *political and religious* education)
- m) Awareness building and protection of environment. To built a pollution free society.
- n) To work on communal harmony and peace building among different caste, class and religion.
- o) To work on Yoga therapy to cure diseases and to spread yoga concept through awareness building.
- p) To promote the interest of consumers and their rights through awareness building and other in depth programmes, to link up activities with State and Central Govt when required.
- q) Work with old aged people, their legal rights, mental and physical health issue.
- r) Women are the most vulnerable section of our society; so we will work with the interest of women. There are different issues; as dowry system, education, vocational training, mental and physical health, HIV & AIDS related issue, domestic violence, Domestic Help and other marginalized society in urban and rural areas.
- s) To protect the children rights through providing education, nutrition, sports and other activities and also charitable dispensary.
- t) To work with the youths on their vocational training, life skill education, training, awareness on social and cultural development, education and community library & Charitable dispensary.
- u) Sports & Games will be the other important activities to protect our society from social evils.
- v) Celebration of special days, like Independent Day, Rabindranath Tagore Birth Day Celebration Etc.
- w) To work for the interest of different sex people (Lesbians, Eunuch, by sexual & other).
- x) To do all kind of social and economical studies and research.
- y) Offering human Rights Education to the general people and make them aware on human rights issues.
- z) To work on adult education programme to eradication illiteracy among the adult people.
- Z-1) To work for the beggars to bring them under the scanner pf the Govt ambit.
- Z-2) To organize Cultural Programme, to protect our culture, to organize seminar, workshop, rallies and meetings.
- Z-3) Work for the betterment on rural development through awareness programmes, training, research, livelihood etc.
- Z-4) Work closely to protect our democracy through awareness building on 'Caste your Vote' programme. Good Governance, Law and civil Society, economic reform and development and International relation.
- Z-5) Work on Urban poverty thematic issue as and when required.
- Z-6) To establishment of Backward Classes people's rights with the co-operation with State & Central Govt.
- Z-7) Work for SC/St/Minority peoples' betterment through vocational training, education, life skills, Awareness building workshops etc.
- Z-8) Organizing workshops, seminars, meetings, rallies for the interest of the poor and marginalized people of the society.
- Z-9) To maintaining libraries and reading rooms.

- Z-10) To open orphanage and family planning centers.
Z-11) To impart academic and vocational training education.
Z-12) To encourage the use of scientific and technological advancement while conserving the balance on the natural environment for the good of the people.
Z-13) To render relief to the sufferings in times of famine, flood, draughts, earth quake and other natural calamities.
Z-14) To do all social programmes through 'Corporate Social Responsibility's grants.
Z-15) To do all such social, economical activities for the betterment of Indigenous people.

People's Participation:

People's Participation (PP) has started a worldwide movement of volunteers and professionals standing up for human rights. Independent of any government, ideology, economic interest or religion, we are providing human rights training programme to spreading the human rights among all. Our purpose is to research, campaign and take action to effect change and protect individuals wherever rights, justice, fairness, freedom and truth are deny. With the start of year 2013-2014 '**People's Participation**' entered its **8th Year** of age. The year **2013-2014** was another year to fulfill the dreams of "People's Participation" so it was full of activities for 'People's Participation'.

Members of '**People's Participation**' contacted and visited several educational institutions, Governmental institutions, Organizations and eminent personalities of local, state and National levels to present discuss and launch its developmental and other projects for the noble cause of Social Development. In this way '**People's Participation**' motivated people in the light of Cultural-educational- social - environmental –political awareness and launched its various projects and campaigns.

During the year **2013- 2014**, a number of Community Development Programme viz., Human Right Education Course, Human Right Awareness Programme, Right to Information Camp, Empowerment programme of Women, Awareness on Environment- water- sanitation Issue & Conservation of Biodiversity, Aged People programme, Children Education, Vocational Training for Youth; Career & Academic Counseling, Vote for Democracy. Domestic Violence Issue, Awareness on consumer right, Awareness on Communal Harmony & Peace building, Women Domestic Workers Programme, Adult Education for Women, Cultural programme on 'Advance Bengali: Bengali Culture-Literature & the Great Personalities', 'State level Seminar on Women & Politics', 'Beggars Rehabilitation' etc. We have helped the aged, sick, helpless and indigent people; we have improved the social and cultural life of the people by organising various social and cultural functions time to time. We have helped the needy students of all communities for their Studies; we have promoted sympathy, fellow feeling and unity among the members of our society.

During the year **People's Participation**' created liaisons with Government and non Government agencies to success those programmes to protect the poor people.

PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES for the calendar year of 2013-14:

Ministry of Culture: Culture plays an important role in the development of any nation. It represents a set of shared attitudes, values, goals and practices. Culture and creativity manifest themselves in almost all economic, social and other activities. A country as diverse as India is symbolized by the plurality of its culture.

India has one of the world's largest collections of songs, music, dance, theatre, folk traditions, performing arts, rites and rituals, paintings and writings that are known, as the 'Intangible Cultural Heritage' (ICH) of humanity. In order to preserve these elements, the Ministry of Culture implements a number of schemes and programmes aimed at providing financial support to individuals, groups and cultural organizations engaged in performing, visual and literary arts etc.

This section offers comprehensive information related to cultural heritage, ancient monuments, literary arts, visual arts, schemes, programmes, performing arts, fairs and festivals and handicraft of India. Detailed information on various organizations involved in promotion and propagation of Indian art and culture is also available in this section.

Culture plays an important role in the development agenda of any nation. The objectives of the activities are to protect and promote the diversity of cultural expressions, to encourage dialogue among cultures, to foster inter-culturality, to promote respect for the diversity of cultural expressions, and to reaffirm importance of the link between culture and development. Other important objectives of the programmes are to give recognition to the distinctive nature of cultural activities, and to reaffirm the sovereign rights of States to maintain, adopt and implement policies for the protection and promotion of the diversity of cultural expressions.

People's Participation has conducted so many programmes in 2013-2014 to spread the Indian culture among the students-youths- and the general people through its various activities and programmes. **Ministry of Culture** has sanctioned a grant to organised and conduct the under mentioned programme this year and we have conducted the programme with a lot of success.

Awareness on Environment and water Issue:

- School Programme-
- Street Theatre-
- Talking doll shows-
- Distribution of leaflets-

People's Participation organized different programs for the sustainable development of environment. During 2013-14, it has planted around 200 saplings in the different district by organizing tree plantation camps. It has celebrated World Forestry Day, World Environment Day, World Ozone Depletion Day, International Biological Diversity Day etc to focus the Environment, World Earth Day Celebration.

Awareness programme against open defecations, Protection of environment through workshop And uses of Water issue: 04 Open Defecation and its implications awareness programme have been conducted in four communities to make them aware to stop open defecations; also helped renovation of two latrines' in Beggars community in Dakshineswar. 06 'Protection of environment through workshop And uses of Water issue' and its implications awareness programme have been conducted in four communities to make them aware on this issue in Beggars communities at Dakshineswar area.

However provision of individual toilets should be prioritized. In relation to "Pay and Use" toilets, the issue of subsidies inadvertently reaching the non-poor should be addressed by identifying different categories of urban poor."

Human Right Education Course: The certificate course in Human Rights Education targets the students and professional groups such as medical doctors, engineers, IT professionals, trade unions, school teachers, NGOs, media people and functionaries of rural and urban local bodies (both administrative and political).

It is a correspondence but very practical course for general people at a minimal cost of 2040/-. There are two theoretical as well as two Practical parts (total 16 theory and two large practical part) included in this important course; after completion of this course those computer literate graduate students can get involved with International human Rights Courses so far. Six months human rights practical training program' organizes and conducts by PP; it is a correspondence certificate course so far but very authentic and practical. After completion of the said course PP offering Certificates to those successful students.

Human Right Awareness Programme: Our Human Rights Convention holds at Dankuni area of Hooghly District. Around 0 people attend the convention. Eminent speakers have given their speech. Human Rights Education Program, underway since 2008, has furnished a critical mass of trained human rights activists in these provinces. People's Participation has initiated Human Rights Community Awareness Program in different Districts of West Bengal on 'What are human rights? : Women's Rights; Rights of the Child & Citizens' Rights. Very basic human rights questions was raised, as because they do not have many ideas on their 'rights & duties'. Total 08 programmes have been conducted in 2013-2014 financial year.

Although every right entails a duty, there has been a feeling in certain quarters that rights education is promoted and the question of duties has not been adequately addressed. In a society which emphasized on duties for centuries, rights education comes as a correction of historical distortions. The violation of rights could be corrected only when the privileged persons are reminded of their duties towards the marginalized sections, and the marginalized sections are gradually empowered through rights education. HRE at these levels would extend to such areas as gender equity, caste and community relations, majority-minority conflicts, 'forward-backward' dilemma and North-South power relations. In short, all power relations have to be humanized and democratized through restructuring of rights and duties.

Right to Information Awareness Camp : With a view to ensuring maximum disclosure of information regarding government rules, regulations and decisions, every public authority is mandated to maintain all its records. This has increased the interaction between the public authorities and the society.

The aim of the project is as follows-

- A campaign in West Bengal to spread awareness and facilitate the use of the Right to Information to ensure a transparent and accountable government.
- RTI helps expose corruption.
- RTI helps a worker fight for his rightful employment
- Target Population: 6 districts in West Bengal

Empowerment programme of Women:

- ♣ Adult Education-
- ♣ Leadership Training-
- ♣ Linkage programme with Govt social security's measurers-
- ♣ Domestic Violence Issue-
- ♣ Women Domestic Help Issue-
- ♣ Training for adolescent girls-

Women are linchpins of total development of India. It is unfortunate that this large and potential group has been bypassed in the fruits of development. In fact, the status of women in the society is the indicator of a nation's overall progress. Without the participation of women folk in national activity – its social, economical or political, the country's progress will be stagnated.

The legislative provisions included in the programme were Hindu marriage Act, Widow Remarriage Act, Divorce Act, Child Marriage (Restraint) Act, Act for violence Against Women, Dowry Prohibition Act, Hindu Succession Act, Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, Hindu Maintenance Act and Maternity Benefit Act. On the basis of identified training needs important messages related to these legislative acts were selected to develop information package. The package was delivered to the respondents in a three days training programme. The information building programme was used for legal empowerment of women. The impact of programme in terms of knowledge gain and retention. It was found that most of the respondents gained good knowledge. 'People's Participation' works to eliminate discrimination against girls and women, to promote the empowerment of women, and to achieve gender equality. 'People's Participation' supports community based organisations in creating local groups; helps its Member with technical assistance or small financial support; and ensures that 'People's Participation' is accountable for its commitment to gender equality.

Programme for elderly people: The programme helps humanitarian practitioners gain an understanding of older people's particular needs in emergencies. It also provides them with the tools and the know-how to put age-friendly humanitarian programming into practice. People's Participation's trainings will create a "community of practice" which is age-aware. It will also create a group of enablers and influencers who will promote the inclusion of older people in humanitarian programmes. People's Participation strongly working on mainstreaming humanitarian assistance to older people by developing awareness campaigns. The programme is funded by our own.

Programme on New and Renewable energy issue: People's Participation always working with the communities to make them inform regarding Solar Energy system, Smokeless Chulla etc to motivate the larger society to use the renewable energy for their daily use in life. But the problems of non availability of Solar system in nearest parts of those communities buy those solar products. But the rural people are using smokeless Chulla to reduce smoke and uses of local wastage dry leaves and timbers. Local people of West Bengal consistently expressed support for renewable energy and sustainable technologies over other energy alternatives and want them institutionalized as a greater part of the nation's energy mix. Some local community groups have responded to this interest by establishing innovative programs to educate, demonstrate, and promote the use of renewable energy. Local programs to support renewable are often successful because they respond to local interests, are designed for local renewable and community resources, and have a shorter implementation cycle. There are

still multiple institutional and cultural barriers to renewable energy projects. From the consumer's viewpoint, financial, regulatory, and informational barriers exist.

Children Education:

- Education through school admission-
- Providing school books, Stationeries; Fees-
- Counseling-
- Science City tour-
- Visit Zoo:

In 2013- 14 People's Participation organized large numbers of programs for promotion of Holistic Education.

Education is the key to addressing systemic issues like poverty, child labour, and high mortality rate among children, especially girls. Our Mission Education programme aims to place as many out-of-school children as possible under the ambit of education, through a local network of remedial education centres. So far, Mission Education has benefitted more than 166 underprivileged children across North 24 Parganas of West Bengal.

Vocational Training and Career & Academic Counseling for Youth:

- Vocational Training-
- Life Skill Planning-
- Sports-

The overall objective of the activity is creating employment for 52 disadvantaged and poor begging youth, women and adolescent girls. Our project mainly details vocational and skill training on tailoring, electrical, repairing of refrigerators- Washing Machines- Air Conditioners, Plumbers with the expertise support from training agencies providing placement to the beneficiaries. In 2013-14, total 52 beneficiaries have been trained and 12 placements offered for the successful trainees. We have conducted Career & Academic Counseling in 06 secondary schools in Chanditala Block at Hooghly District to motivate the students to increased retention of students in school and counseling them to get engaged with different vocational and technical training education centers after schooling to build better futures.

Anti Superstition Campaign: Since time immemorial, superstitions have engulfed people's lives across the globe. Superstition is often referred to an irrational belief in supernatural influences. India is a home to many of the superstitions. Most of the Indians have an irrevocable faith in superstitions which

are often baseless. People are often warned of bad omens like "if a black cat crosses their path" or "if somebody sneezes before making a start". Superstitions thus have become an integral part of many a people's lives in our country.

Last four years People's Participation is working to eradicate blind beliefs and superstitions among the general people; especially among the rural people. Organisation also working by mass awareness programme, protest letters, leaflets and discussion in and around people in different parts of West Bengal.

- ✂ From 2011 onwards we have started working against superstitions and Black Magic in Kolkata, Howrah, Hooghly and North 24 Pgs through small way. Preparation of leaflets and distributed among people. Street Theatres and Talking Doll Shows were conducted as a regular basis on this issue to reach to the larger society.
- ✂ We have send protest letter to different Hindu Temples in India against Animal and bird sacrifice in the name of religious superstitions. The ritual sacrifice of animals like goats and buffaloes is observed around some festivals among followers of some deities; their sacrifice notably spikes around the Hindu festival of **Diwali**.
- ✂ We also protest against the killings of witch in the name of religious superstitions and backward culture.

Vote for Democracy Camp: A Pre-Election Voter Awareness Campaign (PEVAC) is aimed at sensitizing voters about the importance of participating in the electoral process as a way to ensure a responsive, accountable and democratically elected government. In a democracy, a free and fair vote is the fundamental tool through which citizens can express their political preferences and developmental wishes. However, in representative forms of democracies, merely casting the vote may not be adequate to hold the elected officials and the executive accountable or to foster a responsive and transparent government. A Pre-Election Voter Awareness Campaign is aimed at making people aware of: the importance of their participation in the electoral processes either as voters or candidates; the modes of participation; the procedure to become eligible for voting and to actually cast their vote; the ways to assess the poll-worthiness of a candidate. The goal of a Pre-Election Voter Awareness Campaign is to create an environment for free and fair elections, and to encourage in particular, the participation of marginalized groups such as women, the minorities, special ethnic communities and the poor. This year PP organized Help Desk for the voters in six corners at Dankuni. But Election Commission has no plan to engage such neutral organisation to help the illiterate voters. We have submitted 32 form 8 and 26 Form-VI for the new voters.

Domestic Violence Issue: Violence against women is a serious problem in India. Overall, one-third of women age 15-49 have experienced physical violence and about 1 in 10 has experienced sexual violence. In total, 35 percent have experienced physical or sexual violence. This figure translates into millions of women who have suffered, and continue to suffer, at the hands of husbands and other family members. **People's Participation** is working through its IEC materials, awareness camps, and strong network with NGOs- Govt organs- police, DLSA, SLSA, State Women Rights Commission, State Human Rights Commission and local political –religious groups to solve and mutual D.V cases.

Awareness on consumer right:

- ➡ Awareness building among the deprived poor people; women groups-
- ➡ Filing Cases against the service providers/shop keepers/others-

- ➡ Work together with Govt Organs; to use the Govt system when required:

Every person in one way or another is a consumer of various products and services. As citizens of India, we are protected against all forms of exploitation by the service providers. Through the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 all consumers have the right to safety, information, choose, be heard, redressal and consumer education. In such a context, it is imperative that awareness is created amongst the general public i.e. men, women and youths. Moreover, informal interaction with people reveals the need for such awareness programmes. The programme was conducted in various communities of the different localities, and the participants were mostly community leaders, residents of the localities and students from different schools in the community.

As indicated earlier, there were different resource persons for each programme. The resource persons highlighted mainly the aspects of the Consumer Protection Act and the practical steps that one can take in the event of filing a complaint. The resource persons also encouraged the people to stand for their rights so that even the shopkeepers or service providers will not dare to do any malpractice.

Awareness on Communal Harmony & Peace building: Formation of a just and sustaining social order, where gospel values of love, equality and peace are nurtured and lived. Restoration of Human dignity of the Poor and Marginalised by Partnering with intermediary Organisations like People's Participation in Extending support and Facilitation, and advocating for the rights of the People. Preparing IEC materials, Meetings in slums, campaign in secondary schools and discuss with political leaders were our some activities in 2013-14 to build communal harmony among different religions, political parties for conflict resolution issues. Except those activities we were engaged with different religious occasions to build communal harmony, But in west Bengal political conflicts are more powerful in our society rather than religious conflicts.

Campaign against Drug, Tobacco and Alcohols: Last four years People's Participation is working to control and prevent the using of substances, drugs, tobacco and alcohols issue to protect the youth and children to build a strong dignified society for the future generations. The target communities are the street dwellers, beggars and unorganized workers. But the population is very much floating in characters. But now we are trying to build a network or to be a part of larger network to track them for their betterment. Minimal family counseling we have conducted and most of the home addresses are fraud to track them. We have conducted some school campaign against tobacco issue. Writing essays-drawings etc were the activities for the programme.

Domestic Workers Programme: Over the last few years, studies on domestic work in India have noted the increase in the numbers of migrant female domestic workers in the cities. Domestic workers, in particular women domestic workers, are a constantly growing section of workers in the informal sector of urban India. It is also associated with the growth of the urban middle class, especially the increase in the number of women working outside their homes and the availability. People's Participation is working to establish their 'social-economical-political' and other Constitutional Rights for their dignified lives to live. Opening bank Account. Linkage with Loan Agencies, Help Municipalities to include the poor and underprivileged adult women within their T & C Groups, Vocational training for them and for their children, Training for them how to work better way, discuss them to raise their voice against proper wages and against sexual harassment etc.

Low earnings, poor working conditions and lack of social security protection are distinguishing features for most of the working class in a developing country like ours. Within its limited sources West Bengal is a pioneer on introducing and implementing Social Security Schemes. The following schemes are being implemented by the Labour Directorate.

- West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers Welfare Board & SASPFUW--- we are working based on this acts to develop the working status of domestic

help women.

Adult Education for Women: The most innovative part of this project is that the Community women members have been trained on the 'bridge course' methodology and emerge as Master Trainers. Hence, an internal education resource pool will be created within the slums. Also, the education of the poor illiterate women members till the primary level will instill within them a feeling of self-confidence and pro-activeness to take on other challenges in life. The local community is the principal stakeholder of the project and their active participation and involvement of the project is ensured. The bridge camps will be successful only through the regular participation of the community.

- ◆ The Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare (RE&CS) Act, 1996 and the West Bengal Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board: we are working for the construction workers rights on the basis of this act.
- ◆ We have applied lot of RTIs to different Govt departments to save wetlands and preparing to file a case to Green Bench Tribunal this year.
- ◆ We have trying to establish Electric Burning/Crematoriums in every Municipality in West Bengal by Govtt to protect the environment and to decrease the uses of timbers. We have deputed memorandums to the concerned Govtt. Departments along with 409 signatories.
- ◆ We have conducted a social movement against India Post to start Speed Post services and selling Postal orders from Dankuni sub post office and by the social pressure India Post/Deptt has started the services towards its people in Chanditala Block in Hooghly District first time.
- ◆ RTI was applied to most of the Govtt departments to make the transparency.
- ◆ This year we have planned to file **Right to Public Service Act-2013** to the concerned departments to the dishonest Govtt Departments to make them pro poor and pro citizens.

Internships: in 2013-2014, 07 M.S.W interns from IGNOU have completed successfully their internship from People's Participation.

Human Rights Membership: In 2013-14, 12 volunteer members have been engaged with People's Participation to work with us and new membership cards prepared for them.

Networking: People's Participation networked with Amnesty International, Youth for Human Rights, PUCL, School of Fundamental Research, District Consumer Department, District Cultural Department and others.