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# PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATION

## Annual Report of 1994 - 95

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### Introduction

1994-95 was an year of change in the history of fisheries and in our organisation. If the change in the fisheries sector was due to the evolving facts over the years, in PCO it was a particular incident.

The growth and development process of an organisation cannot be attributed only to the activities of the individuals of that organisation. Even then in certain phases of history, by leading the organisation through seas of activities some individuals play very important roles. Such a chieftain was John Fernandez. In the journey of this organisation, from the time John became a member of it and till his departure he gave himself fully to this togetherness. John's perspective, dynamism and his special ability to make consensus in conflicting situations will continue to

be with us in our ongoing journey, coming like a big wave he was immersed like a tune into our mass of activities. And because of that, 1994 is a tragic episode in PCO's history.

Liberal economic policies in fisheries sector paved way for important techno-economic changes: Marine resource was always an important foreign exchange earner for the country. New economic policies of the country boosted the entry of foreign capital and large technologies into this sector too. This resulted in a unity among the varied interest groups in the fisheries sector of the country and a joint confrontation with the state. Local conflicting politics gave way for co-operative strategies at the national level. This combined effort also effected at least a temporary set back to the new economic policy of the state. More than that, these processes also

helped to throw some light on how to handle general fisheries management issues.

Problems are not solved, and the conflicts are not over. But for those whose livelihood depend on natural resources, their special role and responsibilities (at local and national level) on protecting it was made more and more clear.

The need for consensus among the varied interests in the fisheries sector and its role in fisheries management has posed many challenges on us in the coming years. We have to rethink about our programmes, forms of its execution, methodologies, its extension etc. with this insight. This cannot be done all of a sudden. Much thinking and experiments may be required for this. If our commitments, responsibilities and goals are to be more relevant we have to start somewhere.

To cope with the broad nature of the issues, it was realised to make pertinent changes in PCO's involvement at the village level. To have more peoples participation in the discussions and taking up of local issues, joint action committees were initiated. As the acute decline of fish catch in the traditional fishing sector is severely affecting the economic life of people, the need for alternate economic programmes through village based people's organisations came up very strongly.

In this context, especially the anti-liquor campaign initiated by Trivandrum diocese and the positive response of coastal people towards that are to be specially mentioned.

As there is a growing relevance in organising traditional fisherfolk at the national level and considering the experience and expertise which PCO has acquired over the years as an asset, it is a major problem that we are not yet able to plan and organise required training programmes in that line.

Similar to the erroneous mechanisation in the sea improper development schemes in the coast also is creating many problems. The reappearance of epidemic diseases, shortage of safe drinking water and land erosion are only some examples of these issues. Tackling these problems should be given top priority together with the work-related issues by the fishworkers movement in future. It is in this context last year's programmes and our perspectives on future are being presented here.

## 1.0 GRASS-ROOT ACTIVITIES

### 1.1 Village Joint Committees

The activists had thorough discussions about transforming grass root activities according to the changing situations in the fisheries sector. In the involvement of village issues to have more peoples participation it was decided to form joint committees. Various village based organisations who are associated with PCO in Thumba, Veli, Kannanthura, Valiathura Poonthura, Vizhinjam and Adimalathura villages came together and discussed on the idea of 'taking up' grass-root issues through Joint Committees. Based on that, Joint Committees were formed in 7 villages. Efforts are on to form it in Pulluvila, Liason work is continuing in Pallithura, Puthiyathura, Poovar and Pozhiyoor.

In the villages where Joint Committees are formed, seminars on the issues to be taken up took place. In each village

around 100 people participated. Coastal hygiene and sanitation, development of primary health centres inadequacy of roads and water canals, problems in fish auction, illicit liquor and alcoholism, were some of the prominent issues came up for discussion, practical approaches to tackle these issues were also discussed at length and action plans were formulated. They are being implemented also. The public toilet lying useless for many years in Poonthura village was cleaned up and put to use by the Joint Committee with the assistance of the municipal authorities and local church. The pitiable conditions of Valiathura fish market was brought before the concerned authorities and joint committee got positive assurances to improve it. The unhealthy conditions in the adjacent sewage farm, backwardness of fisheries school buildings, illicit liquor business etc are some of the other issues on which the Joint committee is working hard to mobilise people. At Puthiyathura the Joint Committee took the lead in constructing artificial reefs in the sea.

Joint Committees are also taking much responsibilities in realizing the housing needs of people. At Adimalathura, the Joint Committee succeeded in taking up the canal and waste water disposal work. At Vizhinjam they involved in the peace efforts to solve communal clashes and also in many other developmental activities. At Veli the Joint Committee is actively involved in the struggle against illicit liquor business and for the development of local primary health centre. The Thumba Committee succeeded in building up people's pressure to improve the Kazhakuttam fish market.

Apart from these, the Joint Committees also played active role in making

the struggle against foreign fishing vessels a success by mobilising people at the local level. Active campaigns, sending protest letters, street corner meetings etc. were also organised by the joint Committees on this issue. Apart from this, decentralised seminars and study sessions were also organised through the Joint Committees.

## 1.2 Womens Activities

There are about 16 'Mahila Samajams (Womens associations) working in different villages of Trivandrum district. The fish vending and self-employed women meet in these forums to discuss contemporary issues, work problems and local issues. They also get involved in these issues. Market problems Panchayatraj and women, health issues sex, and AIDS, Deep sea fishing and alienation of women etc. are some of the important issues they discussed at length. A Joint committee of women representing the Mahila Samajams are also working at the district level to co-ordinate the activities and programmes. This committee meet once in three months to plan and implement programmes at the district level. Through this women leadership at the district level is being promoted and strengthened.

This Joint committees is more active and has acquired more competence in discussing and carrying out actions, compared to last year. Market issues, dry fish marketing and womens day were the three major involvements the

year. The unjust collection of market tax, lack of basic amenities in the market and Vandalism (rowdyism) were the main issues dealt with by this Committee and many discussions with concerned authorities and unions were held to solve these. Some achievements were also made in this regard with the Co-operation of news media and brought before the public.

In Pulluvila the parish (church) committee prohibited the women from bringing salted and dried fish from distant places in the name of hygiene. But it was due to the fall in catches in local villages, the women were forced to go to far off places to remain in the trade. Anyhow the womens Committee intervened in this problem and helped to bring good quality dried fish for the women vendors. This was necessary to ensure their income and jobs. Though this issue was discussed many times with the Church Committee, fish was brought without their consent as they continued to oppose it. Though church committee initiated some disciplinary actions against the women, since they stood together without any fear, now a sub-committee is being formed to enquire about the whole issue.

### 1. 2. 1 Economic Activities of Women

The economic activities are carried out mainly through the mahila samajams of Pulluvila, Adimalathura, Vizhinjam, Kannanthura, and Thumba villages. PCO had evaluated these economic activities undertaken by the women. That exalu-

ation report was presented before the General Body of PCO and suggestions came up there was also taken into account in carrying out this year's activities. Along with that new economic programmes are also envisaged for some villages. Scarcity of fish and decline in catches has led to unemployment and this has put more burden on the women in fishing Communities. This issue has to be viewed in a much serious manner and in this context, economic activities within or outside the PCO structure are being thought of and discussed at PCO, Mahila Samajams and Joint Committee levels.

### 1. 2. 2 Women Day

Women Day was organised in an extensive manner at three regional centres viz, Adimalathura, Thope and Anjengo with the collaboration of Village level peoples organisations and T. S. S. S. Play, songs, dance and poster exhibitions were organised along with study classes on the Subject of 'Women and Power', Rallies with Placards depicting women issues were held eliminating at public meeting. At many villages, a film 'Ilayum Mullum' which depicts the womens issues was also shown and this helped for soul searching discussions.

On March 8 many women also participated in the public rally and meeting organised in protest against the move of Kerala Government to cripple the historic verdict of Supreme Court of India in 1986 which ensured equal

ancestral property rights for women of Christian faith too.

### 1. 2. 3. Girls groups

Many difficulties were faced in the smooth functioning of girls groups organised under Mahila Samajams. Growing unemployment and decline in fish catches affected them also. In order to earn some income for the family, girls are willing to do any work. As many girls migrate to work in fish processing plants their participation in weekly meetings go affected. These girls are also facing very many problems. Being aware of the crisis and in order to protect them from falling into perils need for alternative employment programmes are now recognized. Still, the girls groups in Adimalathura, Pulluvila and Karumkulam continue to function.

### 1. 2. 4 Children's groups

In different coastal villages 21 childrens groups are functioning. The school subjects are given importance in the weekly meetings of these children's groups. The co-living, organised at Mudavanmugal was the feature of this year's activities. In this 5 day long co-living programme 73 children participated. There was tremendous enthusiasm and support of the people in Mudavanmugal in making this cultural exchange programme a big success. Study Exposures were also organised to directly know about 'Forest and Sea'. Water, Earth, Plants and Good Values were the subjects for Quiz, Songs and Classes organised through childrens groups.

The childrens painting and drawings programme was revived again this year. A five-day long training on this was organised with the help of Ajith Tirupuram at AICUF Centre and Veli boat club. Through this the talents of young children from the villages were developed

and it also helped to produce visual forms of the important issues in fisheries sector. On June 5th, the world environment day, a protest rally organised by the Action Council in front of state pollution Control Board, these children's art works were exhibited. In villages, encouragements and help are provided for childrens groups.

### 1. 3. Youth Training & Organisational Activities

The youth who participated in last year's Fisheries Workshop prepared an exhibition this year and it was taken to many villages and towns. Moreover, PCO took up the responsibility of organising exhibition in Kerala on 'Deep Sea Fishing Issues'. This exhibition was organised in many Colleges. Through that PCO was able to present the problems faced in fisheries sector among the youth.

As a part of the grass-root activities Youth Groups in Thumba, Valiaveli, Adimalathura and Pulluvila functioned actively. The continuous coming together of these youth groups rejuvenated the village efforts to handle and resolve some of its social issues. In order to create an awareness on the contemporary issues of fishing community a 'Padayatra, (Long Walk or March) was organised through the entire coastal villages of the district. About 50 youths continuously participated in it. A street drama on the 'threat of foreign fishing vessels' was also enacted along that March. Similarly street plays on Drug Abuse, Alcoholism and related dreadful diseases were also prepared and performed at different places to create an awareness among the youth. Selected youth groups representatives were brought together at regional levels and issues like Panchayath Raj (local political bodies), Deep Sea Fishing, Coastal health and hygiene were discussed at depth.

Taking into account the growing unemployment in fisheries sector and the social and educational backwardness in the coastal areas, for the development of the sector and especially to address the unemployed among the youth, the inborn talents among them have to be developed as a potential workforce in a practical manner.

## 2.0 TRAINING PROGRAMMES

### 2.1 Womens Training Programmes

To strengthen and make more efficient the 'Mahila Samajams' (womens organisations at village level) it is essential to develop awareness among its members. Along with the local issues, they also have to respond on the changes taking place in the general socio-economic and political areas. So, apart from discussing these aspects in their regular monthly general body meetings, training programmes were also organised to get more clarity on womens issues and to develop their leadership and critical consciousness. Training programmes at regional and central levels, were organised to study about the 'Panchayath Raj' (local bodies) which is being widely discussed now. The importance of women making full use of this new opportunity in politics and power was seriously dealt within this. A seminar was also organised for the newly elected committees of Mahila samajams. How to run the administration of Mahila samajams more efficiently was discussed in small groups with practical inputs. 83 women participated in it. The newly formed central committee at the district level meets once in four months and evaluate the working of mahila samajams. They also formulate future plans and programmes. At this level leadership training is also given. The leadership training programme

organised in past years by PCO is to be evaluated and discussion are going on about starting it again.

### 2.2 Fishworkers Training

Centralised training through the Joint committees were held in Adimalathura, Valiathura and Veli villages. In Vizhinjam-Poovar region one-day seminar was organised for fishworkers on the subject 'Deep Sea Fishing Policy and Fishworkers'. 75 people participated in it and more clarity was made on this subject. Since it was realised that a rethinking is necessary on the training programmes an evaluation was made on it by Kurien Katticaren and as there was delay in getting the report centralised training for fishworkers this year was postponed.

## 3.0 ALTERNATE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

### Housing and allied activities

In August 1994 P C O started construction of 75 houses and the beneficiaries were selected by village communities. The housing programme is being implemented with the financial support of Misereor and H. D. F C. Though it was planned to construct these houses through the construction workers collective who were trained by PCO earlier, as it was delayed to various reasons and because of urgency and pressure from the beneficiaries, at Pulluvila, Adimalathura and Puthiyathura villages the local masons were entrusted with the construction work. Already 43 houses are finished under the skilful supervision of Ms. Latha Raman.

The improvement in the quality of the construction by the Shramashakti (construction workers collective) group is very encouraging in the houses built

at Vizhinjam, Valiaveli and Poonthura. But still we are unable to provide adequate skill training for these youth who are mainly from the fishing community. Also we experience a shortfall in the number of youth coming forward to do this work from the fishing community this year. Though efforts were made this year for this we could not succeed much. When we consider the peculiarities of the fisheries sector it is important that before we recruit youth for this programme, the youth should be convinced about the nature and prospects of this work and then only it can be sustained.

The construction of houses were done with much participation of the people. The architectural plan of the houses, were discussed and finalised at village committee meetings. Materials were purchased by them collectively. Maximum different designs were made to suit the needs of different families and we have to compliment the construction group for finishing the work well within the budget. There are 15 permanent workers now in this group. Apart from a few drop outs and some problems, this group is generally going ahead well. In the carpentry training started in Shramashakti, 9 youth participated satisfactorily but 3 of them left later as they got some other jobs. This group helped with the housing programme also. In the ferro-cement work which also was initiated as part of alternative development/employment programme, 4 people were trained. But unfortunately 3 of them left and there is a temporary crisis now. Still in the year 1994-95 this group built modules for the artificial reef programme in Pozhiyoor and Puthiyathura. They also build ferro-cement doors, roofs, slabs etc. for different sanitation programmes in Thumba & Pulluvila. In the coming years more efforts and emphasis will be given

to improve quality, self-sufficiency and training. Carpentry training programme will be evaluated.

The fishworkers movement was linked up with the running of Shramashakti so that the benefits of these alternative development/employment programmes effectively reach the fisheries sectors. It also decided to evaluate the functioning of the Shramashakti programme.

During the last year about 45 youth were organised and employed through these programmes. It helped to create 5641 work days and an amount of Rs. 2.12 lakhs was disbursed among them as wages- 3% of this amount was contributed by the workers to the fishworkers movement. It has also helped to develop saving mentality among these youth.

### 3.1 Artificial Reef Programme

This year new Artificial Reefs (ARs) were built in any new villages, but we concentrated on renewing the existing artificial reefs in Kollemcode, Paruthiyoor & Pozhiyoor. The fishworkers who participated in the construction of ARs in Kollemcode & Paruthiyoor in January 1994 were contacted again and we had 4 meetings with them about the need to renew it and productivity in it. With the co-operation of local people and T. S. S. S the ARs were renewed twice in Pozhiyoor and once in Puthiyathura. At Pozhiyoor, data show, about 100% increase in fish catches in the AR. It is also to be noted that the availability of varieties of fishes which live in the reefs have increased very much.

Through the studies done by two experts from Southampton University of UK who came here in January 1995 and who took under water video films on these ARs, it is established that there is some amount of vegetation

growth in it and it is likely that these will slowly develop into natural reef system.

This is of course a revelation for us. It also points to the fact that PCO has to contribute more on this. At Pozhiyoor, among the hook and line fishermen who make use of the ARs PCO has good acceptance and image. Making use of it, in the coming year more discussions will be organised among them on the important issues of fisheries sector and role of fishermen community in managing fish resources. There is a demand on the part of fishworkers here to renew the ARs every year. The experts also suggested to improve and strengthen the ARs here with more diverse modules. In the coming year, these suggestions will be taken up seriously.

### 3.2 Health Programme

As mentioned in the last report, the sewage & water effluents treatment with water Plants is proving a success to an extent. But at one stage the treated water usage had to be stopped. This is because of a large quantity of sewage and as a result many water plants perished. Thus there was a foul smell in the water. In order to check this problem, 4 bathrooms were built along with the latrines and this waste water was added to the tanks which help to dilute the sewage and thus save the plants from destruction.

In order to measure the purification process, and also to test the water samples of public wells around, a Micro biology laboratory has also been set up here. Through this, frequent problems related to this effluent treatment system can also be dealt with.

In the thickly populated coastal areas where the water table is very high it will be technically & financially difficult to run and maintain a water treatment system as

the one at Pulluvila. In order to overcome these difficulties and to develop cost-effective and efficient sanitation 'compost toilet' was started as an experiment. A group of six people are regularly using it. The peculiarity of this toilet is that the urine and the paces are treated separately. The paces is converted into compost and urine is diluted with water and evaporated through some plants (weeds). The idea of appropriate compost toilets for coastal people and its use is to be propagated among the people in other villages and steps are being taken in this line. As a part of this various social and cultural organisations of this village came together and a 'health management group' was formed. The idea is to have regular discussions and classes on the public health issues arising out of 'pit-latrines, and its pollution on public wells, and the importance of using safe drinking water. Through this groups it is envisaged to tackle village level public health issue.

## 4.0 ACTIVITIES IN KOCHI

In July 1994 the PCO activities of Kochi was fully evaluated. The presence of PCO is very evident in Chellanam area. Still, the knowledge and expertise gathered from PCO's involvement in Chellanam Panchayath is yet to be extended to more strategic areas of Kochi.

### 4.1 Womens activities

Through the study on women's involvement in the fisheries sector of Ernakulam district, it was found that here thousands of women are engaged in fish marketing, drying, processing, fish picking & gathering of mussels. These women are not considered as fishworkers officially and are deprived of the benefits of states'



welfare measures. They also undergo various exploitations at different levels. In order to remain in the jobs they depend heavily on money lenders and suffer from it. For effective fisheries management people's participation is very crucial. As a beginning on this line, a fisherwomen's forum is being organised in Ernakulam and Alleppey districts. Through consistent contacts, village level womens groups are formed and efforts to co-ordinate it at area and district levels are taking place. Already four groups are formed in Ernakulam district. Together with meetings and discussions, areawise and centralised training programmes are also held to strengthen this process and they have started taking up work related issues. In the seven villages, where activities started earlier, the group meetings are continued. Apart from this, by participating in SEWA committee and in its planning of programmes that work is also being helped.

On 8th March, the international women's day was celebrated at Vypeen together with 8 other organisations. In the womens rally placards, slogans and banners were used on the theme 'development and women' used. In the public meeting the same subject was presented through various cultural programmes. These kind of programmes give more confidence to the women and help to take leadership in many activities.

#### 4.2 Economic programme

As inland water bodies and paddy-fields are converted for intensive shrimp farming aiming at export markets, hundreds of fish farm workers were thrown out of their traditional jobs. The first victims are the women. In order to help them finding alternate employment, as

an experiment 6 women are helped to work in coir-making. with the aid of Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan, essential commodities made out of natural materials (coffee, toothpowder, soap, match boxes) are distributed among the women at fair prices. This help women to develop the value of self reliance. Apart from these many probes are also being made in the economic sphere.

Though the briquets made through briquet machine burn very well, there is a paucity of coir waste. as it is being used as manure. Though it is available in one village, the local women do not show enough enthusiasm in this programme. Because of this the briquet machine is not being used now.

#### 4.3 Study on wetlands

As a first step on the study of wetlands, some data collection was started. But due to some differences between the youth and the local body authorities it was stopped in the middle and now it has to be reworked again. The wetlands generally in Kerala will be studied and special focus will be given on Chellanam area. Creation of a wetlands management forum is also our broad aim.

While development projects like 'Goshree' plan to reclaim back waters, the ecological importance of wetlands and waterbodies has to be propagated among the fishworkers and common people. With this intention group meetings and seminars are organised in collaboration with like minded organisations and environmentalists. Youth is an important force to strengthen the fishworkers movement. A mobile fisheries exhibition was organised through the coastal areas of Ernakulam district under the leadership of 5 youth selected from the people and it evoked good response from the

people and efforts are going on to form youth groups too.

## 5.0 FISHERIES RESEARCH CELL

Fisheries Research Cell, the research wing of PCO this year gave more stress on the evaluation study of Artificial Reef Programme of Pozhiyoor. Together with the study, the process of management of the reef ensuring workers participation in it was also initiated.

### 5.1 Workshop and Discussions

In the workshop organised on the basis of the study report, 'Artificial Reef programme - an evaluation' many scientists & Government Officials also participated apart from the fishermen of Pozhiyoor. On the basis of the recommendation of the study report fisheries Director of Government of Kerala promised funds for continuous study of the reefs for the coming 3 years. Money for 1994-95 is already sanctioned. As a part of managing the AR in pozhiyoor the reef was renewed at Pozhiyoor with workers participation. On the basis of our study report, in order to assess the growth and productivity of the reef it was investigated with the assistance of underwater photography by two scientists from Southampton University of the UK. From November 1994 to March 1995 MSW students of Rajagiri college, Kalamassery collected data on the catches from ARs and with their assistance the socio-economic conditions of fishermen at Pozhiyoor was also studied. The under water video film on the ARs in Pozhiyoor was also exhibited among the fishermen in pozhiyoor followed by discussions.

2. A book titled 'He in tune with the mother Sea' written by the poet and union activist among the fishing community Sri. E.G. Peter was published

by FRC and it was released in a function organised by the fishermen.

3. On the basis of the continued request from the activists in the field, a short term study was made on the 'Light fishing'. Efforts are going on to organise a workshop and publication of its report.

4. Malayalam version of the 'socio-economic study' by Ms. Nalini Nayak was brought out this (1993) year and work is going on to publish the 'Ring-seine Fishing Study'.

5. At the 'Kerala Studies' workshop organised by AKG Centre, FRC took the responsibility of conducting the session on Fisheries and a paper was also presented there.

Moreover FRC also helped with organising many study sessions, seminars and classes for different groups and a three-day workshop for village activists on the subject "Reading and helping others to read".

### 5.2 Documentation Centre

This year too newspaper cuttings on Fisheries sector, women's issues and Environment issues were compiled. New video cassettes, slides and posters were also collected.

240 new books and reports on various subjects, mainly fisheries were added to our library this year thus the total reaching 4690. 45 periodicals including 8 science magazines of national and international importance are being subscribed regular to our library.

Apart from PCO activists and members of other vol. agencies, about 39 researchers, students and journalists made use of our documentation centre this year.

## 6.0 New Beginning in Kasargode Area

As part of the extension of PCO activities and on the basis of an earlier decision of PCO, Ms. M. M. Gracy initiated some contacts in Kasargod district to study the fishery problem and situation there.

Similar to other districts, here also fishworkers face many problems. The shifting of traditional landing centre in Chandragiri has affected the fishermen badly. Mechanised boats from other states especially from Mangalore, doing coastal trawling even in the nights, corruption of officials, denial of right for first sale of fish etc. are some of the major issues here. The fishermen have apprehension about the possible impact of Backel being converted into tourist centre. Backel is an important traditional safe landing centre during rough season. In the survey conducted to find the role of women in fisheries it was found that 7000 women are working in fisheries sector in this district. Most of the women are engaged in fresh and dry fish marketing. Absence of transport facilities, lack of basic facilities (even no roofs) in the fish markets and other social evils like alcoholism among men are some of the major issues of these women.

In co-operation with the village temple committees many discussions were held on important fisheries issue. This helped to get their support and active participation in the national fisheries strike on Deep Sea foreign fishing issue.

## 7.0 Organisational Matters

This year the Managing Committee

met 13 times, and the General Body once. Messrs. P. Robert, John Kurien, P.C. Gomez, Sita Dasan, and Sr. Leelamma worked as Managing Committee members. As Sr. Leelamma resigned on November 1994, Mrs. Aleyamma Vijayan was appointed in her place. P. Robert, Sita Dasan and P. C. Gomez are functioning as Co-ordinator, Secretary and treasurer, respectively. Prof. P. C. George, Jayagopal (architect), Fernandez Pereira, Fr Charles, Stellus, Eppachan, Adv. Wilfred, Dores Ignatious and Vyakula Mary served as the Advisory Committee members of PCO during this period.

Leenama Jose, Sita Dasan, Maglin Peter, M M Gracy, T. Ramadevi, P.C. Gomez, P. Robert, Raju & Wilfred are working as full time community organizers. While Jayan, Joseph Joy and Tadayus are working as trainees. Ms. Gayatri Devi, who was working as trainee at Cochin area left on 20th February 1995. Mrs. Aleyamma continue to work in the women in Fisheries programme of ICSF.

Sri. T.R. Thankappan Achari continue to head the Research Cell. J. B. Rajan is working as Research Associate, Ratnamma as Librarian and Hilda Victor as the library assistant. Since Yesudas Marian who worked as research assistant in the artificial reef programme left on 31st January, M. Saifudeen is now working in his place.

Smt Latha Raman of ESDC is doing the technical supervision of the housing programme on a contract basis. Biji and Sindhu are looking after the construction works.

J. Stalin, P. A. Benny and Samima are working with the Sewage water treatment programme. The technical supervision of this programme is provided by Paul Culvert of ITDG.

All the activists meet together on every Thursday to share the problems and experiences and also to plan future programmes. To help with this they also meet separately in teams of educational training programme, womens activities and alternate development work. In these meetings Fr. James Culas, Sr. Thermanma, Sr. Elsy, Mercy Alexander, Freeska Kurisappan, Mary Hermin & Medona Jackson also participate and assist in deliberation. Apart from these, on every first Thursdays of the month, study sessions are organised on some current issues subjects for PCO activists and friends.

At village level, apart from PCO activists' the village activists and leaders of local peoples organisations meet together once in a month to plan and evaluate regional activities. In this Sr. Rose' T. Peter and Jerome Fernandez also used to participate.

A.K.Thankappan Achari continue to work as the Administrator. Elgin Fernandez took over as the Accountant of PCO from 1-11-'94 Thomas Mathew is continuing as the auditor and financial consultant Vijaya Lekshmi & Prema Kumari are continuing as Typists, while Murukan, Sunny & Rajendran assist with the office work.

The co-operation of PCO full-members and others has to be specially mentioned here. Nalini Nayak, Fr. James Culas, Clement Lopez, John Kurien' A. J. Vijayan, E. Tajan & Aleyamma Vijayan actively helped in the process of moulding a proper perspective for the activities of PCO.

The new training centre built in Chackai was inaugurated on 18th June 1995. By August' this year it will be open for residential training programmes. The understanding is that Research, library & documentation centre will also be shifted to this new building.

## 8. Future Paradigm

To get a clarity on the priorities in future activities of PCO, the activists had many rounds of discussions. Assimilating the experiences and challenges faced during different phases in the history of PCO, the traits of present reality were discussed at length. Peoples, self-esteem, self-reliance, organisational work to counter local exploitative forces' full and active participation and together with that efforts to learn from the people were the hallmarks of PCO's activities so far.

PCO also facilitated this process with training and research involvement and took initiatives for alternative development efforts.

Anyhow today, the experience and knowledge gained by PCO all these years have to be utilised to strengthen the peoples movement in the context of complex issues in fisheries sector. It is in this background the PCO activists arrived at making the following changes in their involvement in terms of priorities and methodologies.

1. In the micro involvements, the approach will be to have a critical view of the local issues and positive interventions which will help the local activities to grow in a self-supportive manner. Together with that, using Kochi as a centre, more emphasis will be given for involvement in central and northern regions of the state.

2. The training approach based on class caste - gender - Eco analysis has to be reinforced with perceptions on global socio - political contradictions and leadership skills, in order to strengthen the peoples movements. Moreover it is very essential make use of the knowledge, experience and expertise gained by PCO over the period for broader and extensive

mobilisation of masses in the fisheries sector. At the same time, in the Trivandrum centred training programmes those necessary shall be continued as part of the local organisational involvement. Eventually these should be taken over by the village based organisations themselves.

3. The Research Cell of the PCO was so far giving more emphasis on intensive and all - embracing studies in fisheries sector. It is true that, these research and follow - up training has helped the fishing community to raise its consciousness and capabilities to involve themselves in organisational work to take up local as well as national issue and thus grow into a large mass movement. But still, it is also a fact that the fishing community continue to remain backward in the general socio- educational stratum/milieu. PCO has the responsibility to probe and understand why it is still so? In this context, PCO will give some stress on its future research plans to study the socio-demographic aspects of the life of fishing community.

4. Together with understanding critically the issues in the fisheries sector, PCO was also involving in the past 6-7 years to develop some alternatives, for helping to solve the issues. While involving in these development models, in the coming years PCO will strive for more peoples participations and consciousness on them. These models will have to be popularised and made more extensive in the coming years.

So as to help with the smooth implementation of these ideas and priorities we will have more dialogue and discussion as to whether there is need for structural changes in PCO and if so what, how and so on.

In the coming year, contemplating the changes taking place in the fisheries sector as well as the socio-political turns in the country our organisational involvements will have to be transformed into a more meaningful one. Let us help each other to take up this challenge.

On behalf of the Managing Committee

**P. Robert**  
Co-ordinator

**Seeta Dasan**  
Secretary

#### Managing committee Members for 1995-96

1. Ms. SEETA DASAN
2. Mr. P.C. GOMEZ
3. Mr. J.B. RAJAN
4. Mr. JOHN KURIEN
5. Ms. M. M. GRACY



**ANNEXURE I**  
**&**  
**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**  
**1994-95**





ANNEXURE

Programmes in which PCO Staff participated during 1994-95

R. Raju	5-4-94	Women's Day Celebration, Thumba	Awareness Programme
	6-4-94	Drama programme work	"
	12-4-94	Exhibition programme	"
	15-4-94		"
	28-4-94	Caste workshop	"
Leenamma Jose	29-4-94		"
	30-4-94	Women's study tour	"
M.M. Gracy	3-4-94	Popular ecology workers Seminar, Ankamaly	"
	6-4-94	Caste workshop, Veli	"
	1-5-94	Study tour of women workers, Mavelikara	"
Maglin Peter	10-5-94	Joint committee meeting, Pangodu	"
	11-5-94	Literacy meeting, Collectorate, Trivandrum	"
P.C. Gomez	1-5-94	Study tour of women workers's Mavelikara	"
P. Robert	12-6-94	Participated the meeting of interim South committee held in South Africa	"
R. Raju	16-6-94	Youth Meeting, Thumba	"
Seeta Dasan	1-7-94	Vizhinjam joint committee meeting	"
	9-7-94	Vizhinjam development committee meeting	"
Maglin Peter	2-7-94	Joint Committee meeting	"
	5-7-94	Balavadi meeting	"
P.C. Gomez	10-7-94	Participated in the Antinarcotic seminar held at Thoppil	"
	22-7-94	Friends meetings at Adimalathura	"
	24-7-94	Participated in the meeting of the Beneficiaries of Housing programme	"

R. Raju	31-7-94 6-8-94	Participated in the Exhibition training programme held at Bangalore	Awareness Programme
Joseph Joy	14-4-94	Joint committee meeting, Thumba	"
R. Raju	13-8-94 26-8-94	Literacy training programme Attended seminar on Artificial Reef held at Adhyapaka Bhavan	" "
Maglin Peter	12-8-94 24-9-94	Literacy meeting at Vellayambalam Women's joint committee meeting, Kannanthura	" "
P.C. Gomez	17-8-94 28 8 94	Visited Karnataka & Maharashtra for co-operative women's meeting	"
Leenamma Jose	16-8-94 26-8-94 24-9-94 25-9-94	 DO " Centralised joint committee meeting Kannanthura	 " " "
P.C. Gomez	10-10-94 16-10-94	Attended the National symposium on alternative and sustainable development held at Bangalore	
R. Raju	9-10-94 31-10-94	Conducted exhibitions at Ernakulam, Kochi, Kannur & Kasaragode	
P.C. Gomez	12-11-94	Fisheries seminar in Bank employees Union Hall	
R. Raju	26-11-94 27-11-94	Drama Training programme AICUF	
P. Robert	8-11-94 11-11 94	Attended the workshop on feminist ecosystem held at Madurai	"
	12-2-95 28-2-95	Attended workshop on coastal Zone Management held at Philippines	"
R. Raju	7-3-95	Participated in the Drama practice of women at Anjengo	"
Seeta Dasan	8-3-95	Participated in the women's Day Celebrations held at YWCA, Trivandrum	"
Leenamma Jose	20-3-95	Participated in the Women's seminar held at IMG, Trivandrum	"

**PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATION**  
**P. C. O., CENTRE, SPENCER JUNCTION, TRIVANDRUM**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1995.**

EXPENDITURE	Rs.	Ps.	INCOME	Rs.	Ps.
To MISEREOR - Women's Programme	3,32,283.49		By Donations & Contributions		
„ I. T. D. G. Water Treatment Account	1,22,502.20		Received	32,14,981.25	
„ Fishworkers, Women and Youth Programme	3,79,562.99		Add : Contributions Received		
„ Development Alternative Account	3,57,212.22		in advance during the last		
„ Kochi Programme	1,60,218.30		year	<u>13,31,087.03</u>	
„ Research & Documentation Expenses	3,05,876.99			45,46,068.28	
„ Administrative expenses Account	4,28,242.99		Add : H. D. F. C. Beneficiary		
„ MISEREOR - Housing Account	15,53,717.75		contribution Received during		
„ P. C. O. Housing Scheme Account	<u>12,854.00</u>		the year	<u>1,92,450.00</u>	
„ Depreciation Written off	75,148.15			47,38,518.28	
			Add : H. D. F. C. Beneficiary		
			contribution Received during		
			the last year	<u>4,15,550.00</u>	
				51,54,068.28	
			Less : Donation Received for		
			training centre construction	<u>5,20,000.00</u>	
				46,34,068.28	
			Less : Contributions Received		
			in advance during the year	<u>14,74,049.32</u>	31,60,018.96

EXPENDITURE	Rs'	Ps	INCOME	Rs.	Ps.
			.. Interest Received	2,60,699	62
			Less: Received for last year	1,01,110	00
			.. Miscellaneous Income		11,442,35
			.. Overhead Charges		3,81,633.15
			.. P. C. O. Housing Scheme Beneficiaries Contribution		14,935.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>37,27,619.08</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>37,27,619.08</b>

AUDITORS' REPORT : Examined and found to be in conformity with books and records produced before us.

For THOMAS MATHEW & ASSOCIATES  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

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**PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATION  
P. C. O. CENTRE, SPENCER JUNCTION, TRIVANDRUM**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1995**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Rs.</b>	<b>Ps.</b>	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>Rs.</b>	<b>Ps.</b>
<b>To OPENING BALANCES:</b>			<b>By MISEREOR - WOMENS PROGRAMME</b>	3,32,283.49	
Cash in hand	21,056.92		" I.T.D.G. Water Treatment Account	1,22,502.20	
Cash at Bank: Canara Bank:			" Fishworkers, Women and Youth Programme	3,79,562.99	
S.B.A/c.No. 21788	2,58,566.57		" Development Alternative Account	3,57,212.22	
S.B.A/c.No. 21789	7,88,324.73		" Kochi Programme	1,60,218.30	
S.B.A/c.No. 21790	1,329.90	10,69,278.12	" Research and Documentation	3,05,876.99	
" Donations & Contributions Received		32,14,981.25	" Administrative Expenses Account	4,28,242.99	
" Sagara Mahila Samajam Building Fund		93,633.00	" Training Centre Construction	10,46,419.74	
" Reserve Fund		84,185.00	" MISEREOR - Housing Account	15,53,717.75	
" Overhead Charges		3,81,633.15	" Sagara Mahila Samajam Building Construction	30,000.00	
" Donation for Library		9,450.00	" Telephone Deposit	2,000.00	
" Interest Received		2,60,699.62	" V.C.R. Purchased	16,690.00	
" Fixed Deposit		10,00,000.00	" Library Books	10,665.60	
" Miscellaneous Income		11,442.35	" Fixed Deposit	11,62,000.00	
" Beneficiaries contribution		1,92,450.00	P.C.O. Housing Scheme Account	12,854.00	
" H.D.F.C. Loan		6,00,000.00	" Loans & Advances	2,03,959.92	
" P.C.O. Housing Scheme		14,935.00			

RECEIPTS		Rs.	Ps.	PAYMENTS		Rs.	Ps.
				<u>.. CLOSING BALANCES:-</u>			
				Cash in hand		9,898.23	
				Cash at Bank:			
				Canara Bank:			
				S. B. A/c. No. 21788/62		4,59,621.78	
				"          21789/12		1,09,487.77	
				"          21790/12		1,329.90	
				I. O. B.          "          18664		2,28,143.62	8,08,481.30
TOTAL		69,32,687 49		TOTAL		69,32,687.49	

**AUDITORS' REPORT:-** Examined and found to be in conformity with books and records produced before us.

For THOMAS MATHEW & ASSOCIATES  
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**PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATION  
P.C.O. CENTRE, SPENCER JUNCTION, TRIVANDRUM  
BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st MARCH 1995.**

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Ps.	ASSETS	Rs.	Ps.
<b>CAPITAL FUND :</b> As per Last Balance Sheet	3,52,658.39		<b>LAND &amp; BUILDING :</b>		
<b>OWN FUND ACCOUNT :</b> As per Last Balance Sheet	1,00,000.00		As per Last Balance Sheet		12,58,077.64
<b>RESERVE FUND:</b> Received during the year	84,185.00		<b>TRAINING CENTRE ACCOUNT:</b>		
<b>CORPUS FUND ACCOUNT :</b>			Constructed during the year	10,46,419.74	
As per Last Balance Sheet	16,35,067.40		<b>Less: Depreciation during the year</b>	<u>52,320.99</u>	9,94,098.75
<b>BUILDING FUND :</b>			<b>FURNITURE &amp; FIXTURES :</b>		
As per Last Balance Sheet	5,39,556.79		As per Last Balance Sheet	78,639.85	
<b>Add: Received for Training Centre,</b> <u>5,20,000.00</u>			<b>Less: Depreciation during the year</b>	<u>8,227.26</u>	70,412.5
	10,59,556.79		<b>TEMPORARY SHED :</b>		
<b>Add: Transfer from contributions</b>			As per Last Balance Sheet	276.60	
Received in advance	<u>6,00,000.00</u>	16,59,556.79	<b>Less: Depreciation during the year</b>	<u>138.30</u>	138.30
<b>SAGARA MAHILA SAMAJAM BUILDING</b>			<b>EQUIPMENTS :</b>		
<b>FUND ACCOUNT</b>	93,633.00		As per Last Balance sheet	95,436.90	
<b>Less; Expended during the year</b>	<u>30,000.00</u>	63,633.00	<b>Add: Additions during the year</b>	<u>16,690.00</u>	
<b>REVOLVING FUND ACCOUNT ;</b>				1,12,126.90	
As per Last Balance Sheet	3,10,000.00		<b>Less: Depreciation during the year</b>	<u>11,795.20</u>	1,00,331.70
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE :</b>			<b>LIBRARY BOOKS</b>	10,665.60	
As per Last Balance Sheet	19,31,087.03		<b>Less: Depreciation during the year</b>	<u>2,666.40</u>	7,999.20

LIABILITIES		Rs.	Ps.	ASSETS		Rs.	Ps.
<u>Less :</u> Transferred to Land & Building Fund	6,00,000 00			FIXED DEPOSIT/INVESTMENTS		21,62,000.00	
	<u>13,31,087 03</u>			TELEPHONE DEPOSIT :			
<u>Less :</u> Transferred to Income & Expenditure Account	13,31,087 03			As per Last Balance Sheet	3,000 00		
	NIL			Add: During the year	<u>2,000.00</u>		5,000.00
<u>Add :</u> Contributions Received in Advance during the year	14,74,049 32	14,74,049 32		INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSIT :			
				As per Last Balance Sheet	1,01,110.00		
<u>H.D.F.C. BENEFICIARY CONTRIBUTIONS :</u>				<u>Less :</u> Received during the year	<u>1,01,110.00</u>		NIL
As per Last Balance Sheet	4,15,550.00			LOANS & ADVANCES		9,19,060 42	
<u>Less:</u> Transferred to Income & Expenditure Account	4,15,550.00		Nil	<u>CLOSING BALANCES:-</u>			
				Cash in hand	9,898 23		
<u>LOANS &amp; ADVANCES :</u>				Cash at Bank ; Canara Bank :			
As per Last Balance Sheet	37,000.00			S.B. A/c. No. 21788/62	4,59,621.78		
Donation for Library	9,450.00			" 21789/12	1,09,487.77		
H.D.F.C. Loan	6,00,000.00			" 21790/12	1 329.90		
				I.O.B 18664	<u>2,28,143.62</u>		8,08,481.30
<b>TOTAL</b>		63,25,599.90		<b>TOTAL</b>		63,25,599.90	

AUDITORS' REPORT: Examined and found to be in conformity with books and records produced before us.

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**PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATION  
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**SCHEDULE — A**

**FURNITURE AND FITTINGS.**

	opening	Additions	Total	Rate	Depreciation Amount	Closing
Furniture and Fixtures	71,022.50	—	71,022.50	10%	7,102.25	63,920.25
Duplicator	2,331.50	—	2,331.50	25%	582.88	1,748.62
Typewriter	5,015.15	—	5,015.15	10%	501.52	4,513.63
Cycle	270.70	—	270.70	15%	40.61	230.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78,639.85</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>78,639.85</b>		<b>8,227.26</b>	<b>70,412.59</b>

**SCHEDULE — B**

**EQUIPMENTS**

Computer	58,950.20	—	58,950.00	10%	5,895.00	53,055.00
Television & Video	10,901.00	16,690.00	27,591.00	10%	2,759.10	24,831.90
Film Project	3,177.60	—	3,177.60	10%	317.76	2,859.84
Video Cassettee	151.55	—	151.55	50%	75.78	75.77
Library Materials	19,325.85	—	19,325.85	10%	1,932.58	17,393.27
Teaching Materials	328.95	—	328.95	50%	164.48	164.47
Video Film	2,602.00	—	2,602.00	25%	650.50	1,951.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95,436.90</b>	<b>16,690.00</b>	<b>112,126.95</b>		<b>11,795.20</b>	<b>100,331.75</b>

SCHEDULE — C

## SCHEDULE — C

### TRAINING CENTRE

	Opening	Additions	Total	Rate	Depreciation Amount	Closing
Training Centre	—	10,46,419.74	10,46,419.74	5 %	52,320.99	9,94,098.75
<b>TOTAL</b>		10,46,419.74	10,46,419.74		52,320.99	9,94,098.75

## SCHEDULE — D

### LIBRARY BOOKS

Library Books	—	10,665.60	10,665.60	25 %	2,666.40	7,999.20
<b>TOTAL</b>		18,665.60	10,665.60		2,666.40	7,999.20

## SCHEDULE — E

### TEMPORARY SHED

Temporary Shed	276.60		276.60	50 %	138.30	138.30
<b>TOTAL</b>		276.60	276.60		138.30	138.30

TOTAL DEPRECIATION 75,148.15

SCHEDULE 1

DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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Misereor Housing	10 00,000.00
Research & Documentation - Misereor	3,34,800.00
Development Alternative Account - Misereor	4,75,765.00
Training Centre Account	5,20,000.00
Kochi Programme - Misereor	1,96,650.00
Misereor - Womens Programme	4,24,679.00
I. T. D. G. Water Treatment Account	92,647.00
Administrative Account	1,70,440.25

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TOTAL 32,14,981.25

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SCHEDULE 2

OVERHED CHARGES

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Misereor Housing	1,00,000.00
Proj 66-337 Account	970.65
Kochi Programme	29,497.50
Research & Documentation	50,220.00
Development Alternative A/c	71,362.00
Misereor Women's Programme	2,468.00
ITDG Water Treatment	9,265.00
Misereor Land	77,850.00

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TOTAL 3,81,633.15

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SCHEDULE

LOANS AND ADVANCES

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Thrikkannapuram Vanitha Co-operative Society	2,400.00
Alillathura H. B. C. Society	2,88,784.00
Cess	2,411.20
Vizhinjam Matsyathozhilali Vikasanam	65,000.00
Staff Loan	71,055.00
Pulluvila Vanitha Co-operative Society	8,000.00
Anjengo Sanitation Scheme	15,233.60
Programme & Other Advances	3,79,887.74
Bhaskaran	86,288.88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,19,060.42</b>

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