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## File 2

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April 12, 1988

Dear Sir/Madame;

Enclosed is a recent booklet published by Kalpavrikeh, presenting a critique of the Narmada Valley Development Project, and specifically of the way in which Narmada Sagar and Sardar Sarovar Projects have been cleared recently.

Your reactions to the booklet would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

( Ashish Kothari )
on behalf of Kalpawriksh

### KALPAVRIKSH - ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP 1B Court Road, Delhi-110054, India

April 12, 1988

Dear Friend,

I am enclosing a booklet we have just published, presenting a critique of the massive river valley project coming up in the Narmada Valley in central India. The booklet is an attempt to put together the major concerns that have been voiced in the last few years regarding the potential environmental, social, and financial impacts of the project. The focus is on the two major dams under construction at present, Narmada Sagar(NSP) and Sardar Sarovar(SSP).

Your comments on this small effort would be greatly appreciated. Also gratefully accepted will be your financial contribution towards the cost of publication and mailing (Rs. 10). Please let us know if you would like to have more copies please also feel free to use or reproduce the booklet, preferably with acknowledgements. We would appreciate receiving a copy of any material that may result from such use. If you could help translate the booket into local languages, that would be wonderful.

Most important, your participation in the Narmada Action Plan (detailed in Chapter 6 of the booklet) will be most invaluable.

In solidarity,

Sincerely,

( Ashish Kothari) on behalf of Kalpavriksh

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With best wishes.

Yours sincerely.

( Shekhar Singh )

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April 19, 1988

Dear Ashish,

Thank you for giving me the critique of Kalpavriksh on the Narmada Valley Project. I have gone through it and especially like the portion on page 18 (section on 'What you can do'). I am placing two students to study the Narmada Valley Project with SWRC Attah and Narbada Ghati Nav Nirman Samiti. Do you think the fresh undergraduate students would tackle the study on social and cultural impact of human displacement including the effect on the oustees economy, social structure and cultural life. This has been chosen from the section 6.2 C on page No.18 of the critique. These students would be at the field placement for a period of two months. Do you think this much time is sufficient to carry out such a study. I would really be grateful if you send me the address and telephone numbers of people who are working on this study so that the reports of these two students would be of use to an ongoing process rather than just according of their experience.

I had talked to you about the orientation programme in which we would like you to conduct the slide show on Narmada Valley Project. This could be shown in the forenoon of 27th May 1988 as a part of session where we talk about the displacement and housing. Do you have any slides on Environment? If yes those could be utilised also. Please do get in touch. I am available at the above phone numbers during office hours.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely, for S M I L E

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April 20, 1988

Mr. Shekhar Singh, C/17 A Munirka, NEW DELHI 110 067

Dear Shekhar:

Many thanks for the 10 copies which I received today of a function I am sending herewith my cheque for Rs.100/- covering the cost.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

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Date: 20 April 1988

R.S. Khanna, Vice Chairman.

My dear Syh.

It is learnt that 'Kalpvriksh' have conducted another study on Narmada Projects. I shall be grateful if a copy of the same is supplied to us. If it is a priced publication, we are in a position to purchase it.

with regard.

Yours sincerely.

(R.S. Khanna)

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#### Dear Mr Kothari,

I am desired to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter dated 12th April, 1988 enclosing therewith a booklet published by Kalpavriksh, regarding a critique of the Narmada Valley Development Project. My Minister has your booklet.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

( NIAZ AHMAD )

Mr Ashish Kothari, 1, Court Road, Civil Lines, Delhi-110 054





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Yoginder K. Alagh

April 26, 1988

Dear Ashish.

Many thanks for sending to me the interesting booklet on Narmada Sagar and Sardar Sarovar Project. I hope to respond to you in detail later.

With personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Y.K WY (Yoginder K. Alagh)

Shri Ashish Kothari Environmental Action Group 1. Court Road, Civil Lines Delhi 110054



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Dated: 28.4.1988

Dear Shri Kethari,

I am thankful to you and to Dr. Shekhar Singh for sending me a copy of your booklet entitled "The Narmada Valley Project: A Critique". I look forward to read it with interest.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Man Guican (Mahesh Pathak)

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Sri.Shekhar Singh, Narmada Action Plan., New Delhi. Dear friend,

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 15,1988, enclosing a copy of the book let Narmada Valley Project: A Critique. As desired, I am herewith enclosing a Demand Draft for Rs.10/-towards the cost of the book

Since I am ardent lover of Nature, I am very much interested in all works relating to the protection of nature. Hence I request you to enroll me as a member for every campaign undertaken by the organisation. If I am informed I shall definitely participate in any meeting or in any creative work conducted by the organisation or our friends, provided they are conducted in SouthIndia.

I assure my wholehearted co-operation in all of your works. You can count on me to do any service at any time. I hope will keep me informed of the developments.

Yours sincerely,

A.M.Warayanan, Anari Mana, P.O.Ganesh Giri, Shoranur 679 123, Kerala. Narmada Action Plan C17/A, Munirka, New Delhi-110067

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Dear Mr Singh,

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I enclose a cheque for Rs.25/- (TWENTY FIVE ONLY) in the name of Kalpavriksh as a contribution to your organisation.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely, Rishikesha kushnan

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Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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May 4, 1988

Dear Ashishbhai,

Hope this finds you well.

Hope the documents which were photocopied from 'Setu' Documentation Centre' regarding Narmada Project and sent to you (D:10/3/88) were helpful. As we have not received the payment (Rs.134/-). I would like to request you to send the payment as early as possible.

While reading 'The Statesman' we came to know about the Report on Narmada Valley Project by Kalpavriksh. It was at least 20-25 days back. We waited for the copy and really wonder why it has not been sent to us. Besides, one person approached us to get the same report to be translated in Gujarati:

How are the other activities?

Please convey my regards to Rajnibhai, Smitubhai and Miloombhai.

> Yours sincerely MA (EVIN)

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To

Shri Ashish Kothari 1 Court Road Civil Lines Delhi 110 054.

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May 5, 1988

Dear Shri Kothari,

I am directed to acknowledge your letter dated April 12, 1988 to PM enclosing a booklet on Narmada Valley Project.

Yours sincerely,

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Shri Ashish Kothari, Environmental Action Group, I Court Road, Civil Lines, Delhi-54. 110.002.

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9 May 1988

Dear Dr. Kothari,

I thank you for your note of 22 April and the booklet on me Narmada Valley Project. The latter hous useful himy work our evaluating the impacts and bade offs of hydropower dama in the tropies. Your entique has some evaluation estimates.

Are there some well thought out approached and methods available for evaluating limbact and trade-offs of major infrastructure?

Please comey my bestwishes byour father. Wishing you every succession.
Your work,

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Dear Me. Singh,
Thank you sincerely for and the participants' list of the Narmada

Achon plan meet.

The booklet mentions a need for translations of audic-visual material. Perhaps I could help here. I am conversant with Hind, English and Tamil, so if you would send me dry material I could do the needful translations as required. Also of there is any material for publishing in the local media, I could try to get them published. Anyway, I hope to stay in buch and try and make further contributions to this worting tash. Please find enclose a cheque for Rs. 20/-

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MR. SHEKHAR SINGH
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NEW DELHI- 110003

Dear Sir.

First of all , I wish you thanks for sending a critique on Narmada Valley Project. I am also enclosing the demand draft of  $\Re$  . 10/- in favour of 'KALPVRIKSH'.

The critique is too much interesting having important details about the project. For the preparation of project report on topic 'ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF NARMADA VALLEY PROJECT", I want to study some more details such as:

- Environmental Aspects of Narmada Sagar and Sardar sarorar multipurpose projects by Department of Environment & Forest (1987).
- 2. Dams on Narmada A people's View by Environmental Services group (WWF-I) Sept. 1986-I
- 3. Dams on Narmada The official view by Environmental Services Group (WWF-I)Sept- 1986-II .
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- 5. Environmental Work Phan for the impact Area of Sardar Sarover Submergeuce within M P by NVDA- Bhopal(1986-II)
- 6. Development prospects of the Narmada Valley A priliminary study, Paper presented at Seminar on Narmada Valley N-Delhi 1982.
- 7. An Environmental and Technoeconomic Audit of the Narmada Project: A study Proposal by Mr. Shekhar singh.
- 8. Narmada Sagar Project "Environmental impact study by Environmental

All above papers and publications are included as reference in "Narmada Valley Project A critique". Please arrange a set of these papers and publications ( original if available ) or electrostat copies. I will pay the electrostat charges.

I will be very grateful to you if you would send a set of the above.

Planning & Co-ordination Organisation (Jan- 1984)

Thanking you

Truly yours

(ASHOK SINGH)

Place -Gorakhpur Date

Encl. 1. Demand Draft of Rs. 10/-

- 2. Details of course Hill Area Development Engineering
- 3. A letter in refrence of thesis work.

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To.

MR. SHEKHAR SINGH
THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
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NEW DELHI- 110003

Ref: Chapter 6 'Action of "THE NARMADA VALLEY PROJECT A CRITIQUE"

Dear Sir,

In this chapter under article 6.2, a guideline for research studies on NVP has been described by the author .

For my thesis work, which have to be summitted up to  $^{D}ec-$  1988, following topic is of my interest.

"THE COMBINED EFFECT OF MANY RESERVOIRS ON THE SEISMIC STABILITY OF THE VALLEY."

You are requested to arrange following details concerning this topic.

- 1. Teismic data of the various sites in the valley.
- A plan of watershed area showing the postion of all the dams in working as well as which have to be constructed in future under Narmada Valley Project.
- Discharge of river & its tributaric at key points during lean period as well as during flood.
- 4. Capcity of reservoirs which are in working & which have to be constructed in future , under NVP.

Waiting for you kind reply

Your sincerly,
(ASHOK SINST)

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Date of starting the course. The course commences in the middle of July every year.

No. of seats 10 in open category and two additional seats are reserved for scheduled caste and one for scheduled tribe candidates.

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To Ashish Kothari Kalpavriksh New Delhi

Dear Ashish,

thanks so much for the booklet on Narmada Valley Project. I think that its user- and action-oriented concept and structuring will serve as a good example of how to combine research and political activities.

I am glad to hear that conference of groups and individuals concerned with combatting the Narmada Scheme has been held in December 87. I think that your Action Plan contains all the relevant activities to be taken in India. I wonder, however, in how far foreign supporters can contribute to the campaign's success. My friend Thomas Bethfescel is about to publish his lenghty and detailed report on his findings as a book. I have tried to call German public attention to the Marmada Preject by writing several articles for various papers. Unfortunately, the flow of further information has almost ceased apart from Pather Joseph's communication and the booklet you now sent me. Maybe, on another meeting, you and the Indian activists are able to develop some general guidelines for the activities of friends in the West. I could perhaps provide some detailed proposals, if you are interested in it.

I am enclosing a bill of ten Dollars to support the production of the booklet.

Yours sincerely auc

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I am sure you will guide us in this matter.
Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

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Mr. Shekhar Singh, Narmada Action Plan, C/17 A, Munirka, NEW DELHI 110 067.

Dear Shekhar,

As you and Ashish know, limited though my resources are, I am always glad to support Kalpavriksh in any way I can. Therefore, I enclose my cheque for Rs. 101/- as a contribution towards the excellent booklet on "Narmada Action Plan".

I distributed a number of copies in Washington including one to the World Bank Head of the India Division.

I look forward to meet both of you fairly soon. At the moment, I am still recovering from the arrival from New York in the early hours of this morning(lst June). I have had some pretty vigorous discussions with the World Bank on Singrauli which I would like to share with you.

I have also to thank for your assistance in my preparations to present the paper at the Workshop on CO2 emissions organised by the EPA and the WRI. You will have met Peter Hazelwood who will have answered your query about the meeting on forestry which I mentioned to him at your request.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

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5th, June, 1988.

Dear Mr. Singh,

re; 'EXODUS' article, Illustrated Weekly of India, 14th, Feb., 1988.

I should be grateful if you would send me more details about the Narmada campaign.

As I shall be moving on from this address, please send this information at your earliest possible.

Please accept my thanks, and best wishes for your work.

Yours sincerely,

John Simms

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- 1.4 A detailed plan for the proposed park and sanctuary and its surrounding area taking into consideration the human population therein. Such a plan should include a socio-economic survey of the area and contain realistic and vorkable schemes for diverting human pressures from the protected areas, if necessary.

For example, where an area is considered ecologically very valuable but has significant human pressures on it, funds must be committed in advance of setting up the sanctuary to develop alternatives for the local people. Where such alternatives have a long destation period, they must be initiated before the final notification of the area is completed. If access to an area is to be denied to the local people for 'rational interest', then the 'nation' should adequately compensate them and find alternatives for them.

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#### 2. Research

Most of this planning is possible only if adequate data is available on the biological and socio-economic parameters. Given the current paucity of data, we teel that immediate steps should be taken to commission research in the various aspects concerning the setting up and management of our protected areas. The research on biological parameters needs to be taken up by institutions and individuals having expertise in the life sciences. Socio-economic research should accordingly involve social scientists. The two need obvicesly to work together to obtain a complete picture. NGCs and independent institutions should gear themselves up for this work and approach the government for the requisite funding.

#### 3. Monitoring

The implementation of the programmes based on the above-mentioned steps of research and planning needs obviously to be continuously monitored. It is also apparent that at present, and perhaps in the future too, the government departments and agencies concerned with wildlife management are not capable of coing this monitoring themselves. It is thus necessary that individuals and organisations outside the government structure be involved in this. NCCs and NGIs would be especially effective in monitoring programmes which aim at reducing the conflicts between the interests of wildlife preservation and human welfare, where such conflicts exist. It would of course be necessary for the government structure to be more open than it has at times been in the past, to the involvement of people and organisations outside of it.

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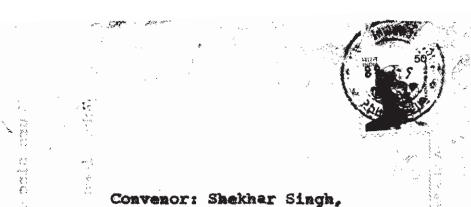
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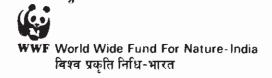
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Dear Hr. Singh,

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We are indebted to the "Illustrated weekly of India" for providing your address for further information of the above subject. We shall be most grateful if you will send us whatever details such as displacement of people from the concerned villages and bearing the construction of these two dams will have on the Sco-system.

We need this information to promote your reservations through oun own social action network, although rather belated, and also to include this information that you send us in our Documentation Centre. booklet booklet mm 18/88

Looking Forward to hearing from you.

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Dear Sir

We would like to have a copy of your publication "Narmada Valley Project: A Critique". We will also be grateful if you could send us any other publications or copies of any documents on irrigation, scheduled castes & tribes. We need them for our reference library.

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Dear Ashish,

I do not know why you are taking so long to respond to my letter of the 11th June. I mentioned therein that the Bookstore is willing to sell the Narmada booklet on consignment basis and that you could send us 50 copies for a start.

We have since received from Third World Network-Malaysia/APPEN the new publication "Damming the Narmada" and since we will be doing publicity for that book, we think we could at the same time sell Kalpavriksh's Narmada Book too This will save us additional costs later on. Please let me have an immediate response to this as we will be preparing the new catalogue of the Bookstore and we need to mention new titles in it. Third World Bookstore will need a minimum 20% commission as handling charges.

Please give my best wishes to all at home,

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Ashish

It was good to hear from you again and to receive a copy of your Narmade Valley Project critique.

We will try to prepare a feature on it and release it to newsagencies and organizations worldwide. That way we can keep the issue burning and hopefully there will be more international campaigning against the dam.

The following is a member of APPEN and she is at the moment, working on a report in relation to the Three Gorges Dam project in China. Will it be possible for you to send her a copy of the critique. It will be useful reference for preparation of her report.

Ms, Nayna Jhaveri Coordinator HK Environment Centre TST, P.O. Box 96363 Kowloon HONG KONG

By surface mail I am sending you a copy of our latest public DECIMATION OF WORLD WILDLIFE - JAPAN AS NUMBER ONE. We hope that you can initiate a national campaign against wildlife trade by both India and Japan. Perhaps you can link up with Maneka Gandhi who is working on wildlife issues.

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With best wishes and looking forward to meeting with you one day. Regards to Faizy if you bump into him.

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August 13, 1988

Dear Shri Kothari,

I am directed to acknowledge your letter dated August 5, 1988 to PM regarding Narmada Sagar and Sardar Sarovar projects.

Yours sincerely,

(J:N: Chaubey)

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Rajesh Tandon/Kanwaljit Singh PRIA 45 Sainik Farm Khanpur, New Delhi - 110 062

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Tasks for Namala groups

1. Documentation

2. Ob to Project authorities 3. Independent assessments 4. Litigation 5. Mobilisation

6. Monitoring of implementation 7. Awareness/Media work

8 Formal structure of N'GOE?

Vacualha Dhagamwar - Population figures vary a lot, S.C. Verma keeps saying 45,000 for MP oustels of SSP - Gupta says 65000; Ambrish says 15000 in Gry, Medha- 16000 in Mah (Total- 96000) - lot of misinformation being spread or no info. at all, among. MP oustees of SSP - leopards found in Akrani Mahal by MARG nembers General some Resettlement has to vary according to displacement. Resettlement has to vary according to the social, a conomic, cultural background of the oustees - these are greatly defer varied in MF ousless of \$50 is - landless not in Award - landless are introdely linked w. landed; to separate them in rehab. Des would cause great problems Some larly those dependant on CPRs

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Somilies, etc. — since displacement is forced, facilities must be given to each family regardless of how many families, essettled together.

Medha - analysis of socio-eco. postatus of command vs. submergence zones needs to be done, e.g. Mah à Grij oustees are 100% tribal, whereas command area has no tribal-dominated taluka - Now can clearance be given without first assessing if even Tribunal's accommendar award can be implemented or not? - eg. Is there enough land for land for land for land.

-Gy has accepted that most land first listed by them as available for & rehab is not really available due to being converted into RF, or being in too small chunks to rehab even large hamlets, forget about communities.

Amil Patel - Systematic illegalities & callourness on part of Govt towards Gy SSP test oustees (all tribals). Vahini tried 5 years to fight, didn't work till World Rank lever could be used.

प्रभाकर अमाउनिक — 18 वर्ष उत्तर विट के स्विक्तिक किला में रिक्ति के - सरकार कह ते हैं कि सह उत्तर बोटिस देश के किल तक की है, पर विस्थापन के समय तक के उत्तर किलान है, जाएउनी

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Bhatt - Make clear maps of displacement zones, properties of changes in dam ht

- legal aspects of tribal displacement are several - the document on these could support above suggested changes

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Jaisen - If NCHR can be of help, since it has a broad based network, to Narmada effort, it would certainly do so — In turn requests help of Narmada NGOs in its attempts at make y housing/living at a fundamental right

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Vijay Pranjee - Technical parameters of B/Conelys

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Roy Bruinan - \$ 3-pronged approach: (1) Utilise understilised projects (3) If large dams still useful, then how best to make them Medha/R-L. Gupta - Ask Govt. certain go. on Project Shekhar 3 bases for stand to stop Project for time-being: (1) Many studies not done though Govt. (2) Studies done have serves problems (3) Infrusto. For implementation doesn't exist eg. m rehab. Ashish - (you - studies on parameters not normally considered also not done

Supta - (5)th - This investment forecloses investment on alternatives which may be for better Shatt - (6th - the Objectives of dame not justificablelot of unutilised potential already Medha - student groups from Delhi etc. should go for short periods to submergence areas to spread into /awareness

Ramesh B. - Will be starting mobilisation in NSP areas with Satinath Sarange, etc Jan onwards

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11th October 1988

Ashish Kothari Kalpavriksh 1, Court Road Civil Lines DELHI-110 054.

Dear Ashish,

Your circular concerning the meeting on 7th October was waiting for me when I came back from a tour just yesterday. I am sorry that I could not attend the meeting since I was absent from Delhi.

Please let me know what decisions have been taken. I myself would in favour of legal action at this stage provided we have adequate data to argue the case. That will give us sufficient time for other action when necessary. At this stage I feel that it is important to get a stay order.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Valter Fernandes

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Kalpavrikaka, New Telbi.

Desr Asmish. I received your letter dated 2nd Oct., 1988 inviting us to discuss the future plan of setion to be taken on the Narmada dam issue. It is really nice of you to eall us for our views

You know, of course, that my own contribution to the Normada remains unutalized to date. After having sued me, MARG and I have tried to compromise but have not succeeded so for. The slide and sound program that Bapi, Tips, you said I had initiated remains unmade. The several graphies, illusterated stories and pasters that Dipa has designed are also kept neatly in our cupboards. They so much of our labour lies in dark corners of our studio, what further plan of action can we offer?

When Medko Patker asked us to participate in a fast organized on 2nd October at Mavedia colony, all we could do, was a to keep a token fast here in Telhi. Timilarly, when you invited us on the 7th, we fasted on that day.

With all our funds stuck up in unutalized visual side, this is all we can do.

Our views on the Narmada are thus: The people who are building the dem are united by a defigued individual gain, which is maney. The people who are against the dams are fragmented end have as personal gain (If the Marmada eco system is seved, it is everybedy's gain, but of unquentifyable quentity). The neeple was one directly effected by the dam one an one side; the people who are building it are on another; and those recopie discussing not building the dam are on still chether side. A dhorna is unaveidable, but the mornath task before us is to unite all the oustees. We have all the urben supporters and get these two together. We have to unite

I support the idea of a complete ban on these dams. In my limited capacity, I om warking slong just these lines. If I can be af any use to the issue, please tell me what you feel T cen di.

Your friend,

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### ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP



October 18. 1988

Dear friends,

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You may recall that a meeting of Delni NGOs had been called on October 7 to discuss a joint action oldn in relation to the Narmada Project. The meeting was attended by representatives of NARG. Loxayan, Development Alternatives, and Kalpavrikes. Some of the other groups invited subsequently expressed their inability to come, but gave their views on the proposed action plan. I am giving below, briefly, the consensus that seems to have emerged.

What is our demand? was the first thing discussed at the meeting. Should we demand the scrapping of the project? Or a stay on its construction till several vexing ouestions and issues are resolved? Or should we accept that the dams, or at least Sardar Sarovar, are now bound to be built, and that we should concentrate on getting a better deal for the oustees and more effective environmental mitigatory measures? Vasudha Dhagamwar of MARG expressed reservations about the purely confrontationist stand that some prouos are taking, pointing out that if the cams go ahead, then such a position would not have helped in getting the oustees a just rehabilitation. The representative from Development Alternatives said that since SSP was almost certain to be built, we should press for design changes which would reduce the environmental and social losses considerably. Kalbayriksh and Lokayan members feit that the approach at present should be to stress that since most of major questions regarding the projects are still unresolved, the cam construction should be stayed until they can be satisfactorily dealt with. These questions relate to inacequate environmental impact analysis, distorted cost-senefit analysis, inadequate renabilitation plans, and the absence of exploration of alternatives.

This approach, of demanding a stay (and not a complete scrapping of the projects), seems to be the minimum agreeable to most of the groups present at the meeting as well as contacted subsequently. This includes MARG, tokayan, PRIA, Kalpavriksh, CSE, ISI, INTACH, Energy and Invironment Group, and Development Alternatives. I am not aware of the stand of the other groups, as they have not yet responses.

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Then there is the question of **what action strategies should we adopt?** Should a dharna be organised? What sort of litigation should be tried out? What about a joint press conference or statement?

The idea of a <u>dharna</u> met with general approval, but with certain types of reservations expressed by several of the groups at the meeting or subsequently. MARG, CSE, and DA need to discuss the idea within their organisations before committing to it. Rajesh Tandon of PRIA told me on the phone that a dharna would be worthwhile only if a good cross-section of the public could be mobilised to participate in it; most other groups agreed that apart from environmental and social action groups, students, scientists, academics, and others should be involved.

Meanwhile, Kiran More of POWU, Rombay, called up about a meeting they were organising on Narmada. The idea of simultaneous dharnas all over India was discussed, but it was thought that it might be more effective to stagger them out so that the issue is keot alive and keeps coming in the media. She will discuss it at their meeting, where groups from Bombay and Pune were to be present, and get back to me.

Tentatively, the dharma in Delhi is to be scheduled in the middle of November, which would give us time to mobilise a cross-section of people. Could you please respond to this suggestion immediately, as organising work will have to start soon? It is crucial that all concerned groups and individuals in Delhi participate in this action for it to be a success, so we need your reactions quickly.

Litigation seems also to be acceptable to most of the groups who have responded. Kalpavriksh has already prepared a draft petition, which is being given final shape to be filed in late October or early November. Vasudha made the point that the issue of the M.P. oustees of SSP had by and large been ignored in the campaign so far, despite the fact that they were the least organised to struggle for a just rehabilitation and were being given least attention in the rehabilitation plans. She said MARG would consider a petition against the M.P. Government and others on this issue, to be filed by mid-Movember.

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As fer the dharma, it is critical that all concerned groups support the above litigations in whatever way they can, perhaps most effectively through independent affidavits. This needs to be discussed further.

Thirdly, it was felt that a joint statement of all the groups was ungently needed to counter the sort of propaganda being carried out by the Gujarat C.M. and Sanat Mehta, Chairman of the Sardar Sarovar Marmada Nigam Ltd. Who would frame this and send it around for the other groups to comment on remained unresolved; I can only say from the side of Kalpavriksh that for the time being coordination of the Delhi action plan and work on the petition is all that we can handle. Can some other group/individual take up the responsibility of making a joint statement containing the stand we all take vis-a-vis the project and vis-a-vis what the Gujarat authorities (as also Y.K. Alagh, Member, Planning Commission) are saying?

Harsh Sethi of Lokayan told us at the meeting that a group of scientists at Bangalore, including Satish Dhawan and Amulya Reddy, want

to take up the Narmada issue seriously. They are holding a meeting towards the end of November at which they would like someone from the campaign to put across our viewpoint and give them detailed suggestions on what they could do. It would be important to involve them, especially in trying to generate critical studies of existing technical reports and conducting independent studies on various technical aspects of the dams. Who is to go for their end-November meeting is again to be decided by all of us.

Finally, if I may say so, the various environmental and social action groups and individuals in Delhi rarely manage to work together and cohesively on issues on which joint action is sorely needed. Can the Narmada issue be an exception to this general trend, even if such a response may be a little late in the day?

We need to meet to decide on the above points. A meeting has been fixed:

At: Gandhi Peace Foundation, Deendayal Upadhyay Marg (Near ITO)

On: Tue. 25th October

At: 5 P.M.

I hope we can all meet then and finalise an action plan.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

P.S. Letter seal to

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26th October, 1988

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1988-10-30

Dear Ashish:

I just got your letter of October 18 which seems to have taken quite a number of days crossing the city.

Unfortunately, it came too late to inform us about the meeting you convened on 25th October, otherwise we would certainly have attended.

A couple of days back, just before he left Delhi, Vijay Pranjapye came and spent time with us discussing the Narmada and other issues.

We would certainly like to be a part of the consortium of NGOs on Normada and I hope you will keep us informed of future action.

With my best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ashok Khosia

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19th December, 1988.

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Dear Ashish,

Both Anil and I are very sorry that we were not able to attend any of the meetings that you had organised on the Narmada Issue. Unfortunately we were very much caught up with urgent work that needed to be finished. Please do keep us informed and let me know in case there is anything that we can do together in the future.

With best wishes,

Yours cordially,

SUNITA NARAIN

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP



December 31, 1988

Dear Friends,

#### SUB: NARMADA ACTION BY DELHI NGO'S: WHAT NEXT?

New Year's greetings to all of you. It has been some time since these circulars went out, primarily because many of us have been in and out of town, and unable to give this issue the time it requires. We need urgently to pick up the threads again and assess our role in the continuing and increasing struggle against the Narmada dams as they are presently planned.

#### Dharna

First a personal expression of disappointment, at the poor response that most Delhi NGOs gave to the call for the dharna. As agreed to by those groups who had participated in the earlier meetings in October-November, we were all supposed to mobilise for and participate in a dharna sometime in November or December. Unfortunately, mobilisation efforts were haphazard and completely inadequate, carried out by just a few individuals of 2-3 groups. With that level of mobilisation, it would have been impossible to get the sort of cross-sectional representation that would have made the joint action a success. This, coupled with the fact that some of the few individuals who had volunteered to do the logistical work were frequently out of town in the days before the proposed dharna, finally led us to postpone (cancel?) it. What was equally disappointing was that very few people responded to our detailed letter (dated Nov. 4, 1988) regarding the dharna and other issues, even though certain very specific responses had been asked for.

#### Joint Statement

The other major decision in those meetings between us was to issue a joint note refuting the false claims and allegations of the Govt. of Gujarat, and presenting a clear statement of our position. This was to be translated into Gujarati and sent to newspapers/magazines in Gujarat especially. A preliminary draft was prepared by some of us and circulated to a few individuals; a number of responses came in, and the initial draft will need to be completely revised. I plead guilty on not having moved forward on this count after that stage; this needs to be done urgently now.

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#### Footmarch through Displacement Zone of SSP

On the positive side, there are a number of things to report. Members of some Delhi NGOs participated in the footmarch organised by the Narmada Dharangrast Samiti (NDS) and the Narmada Navnirman Samiti (NNS) through the proposed submergence zone of SSP, in November. The mobilisation efforts by these and other groups seem to be gaining ground rapidly, and there are indications of a considerable groundswell of opposition in the potential displacement villages. As you all may be aware, all these groups have now given a call to totally oppose the SSP and NSP, convinced as they are that the M.P. and Maharashtra Governments and possibly also the Gujarat Government are incapable of providing anything like a just rehabilitation to all the oustees. The Chattra Yuva Sangharsh Vahini however maintains that this may still be possible, and are concentrating their efforts on ensuring full implementation of the various rehabilitation measures announced by the Gujarat Govt. for oustees of Gujarat.

#### Ahmedabad Meeting

A meeting of activists and organisations was organised by NDS, NNS, and other groups in Ahmedabad on 18-19th December, which was attended by myself and Nalini Kant of Lokayan. The future action plan was discussed in detail. I give below the main points:

- --- An attempt is to be made to set up loosely organised coordination committees at state levels in Guj., Mah., and M.P., which can help various groups and individuals in these states work jointly. In addition, a very informal national coordination committee (the words used with a great deal of hesitation!) was discussed, which is to meet at least once in one-and-a-half months to assess the situation and decide future course of action.
- --- A newsletter focussing on the campaign opposing the SSP and NSP is to be brought out from Dhulia, base of the NDS. The NDS hopes to be able to get continuous updates from various groups involved, and to produce this newsletter once every month.
- --- Another newsletter, dealing with the larger effort regarding Narmada, incorporating the various different shades of opinion that have crystallised recently, and catering to a much larger audience than just those involved in the Narmada campaign, is to be brought out by Kalpavriksh from Delhi. Care is to be taken to ensure that there is minimal overlap between this and the above campaign newsletter.
- --- A 'jail bharo' action is being planned for the 30th of January, at Kevadia Colony, near the SSP dam site. This is to protest specifically against the imposition of a 'restricted area' status to that area which not only prohibits assembly but also severely restricts movements of individuals in the area. Details of this have still to come from the organisers (NDS, NNS, etc.); as soon as they do, I will inform you.
- --- A mass rally of oustees and others is being held at Kevadia Colony, again, on the 22nd of February. Members of Delhi organisations are expected to turn up in full force. Again, more on that later.

--- Land acquisition processes are to be challenged by the potential oustess with help from the above-mentioned groups, with a view to help gain some time for more concentrated legal action. The lawyers present at the meeting (including Girish Patel of Ahmedabad and Venkätramani of Delhi) felt that it may not be very wise to go in straight to the Supreme Court on this issue, since a loss there would foreclose all other legal options. A better strategy might be to handle it at the High Court level first, than if need be to approach the Supreme Court. However, the legal strategy to be adapted is to be reviewed soon.

#### Legal Action and Other Plans

In view of the above feeling among the grassroot organisations, the writ to be filed by Kalpavriksh (and other organisations?) in the Supreme Court has been kept in abeyance.

(What news on the MARG litigation: would Vasudha/Enakshi please respond?).

Meanwhile, some mobilisation among students, with the help of slide shows and talks, has been done by Kalpavriksh and the People's Environment Group (PEG). In terms of written/published material, a pamphlet on large dams has been brought out by the Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) in December. A pamphlet in Hindi, specifically on Narmada, is being prepared by Lokayan and Kalpavriksh, partly as a response to a request from CAISA (Harsud) for material for popular distribution. This pamphlet should be ready by January 10th. In addition, a detailed book is being written, again in Hindi, by the National Working Group on Displacement and Kalpavriksh; this should be ready by end-January. Some of this forthcoming material is likely to be sent to some of you for comments before publication; you are requested to respond urgently once it reaches you.

#### Mela

The Narmada Sagar Sangharsh Samiti, Harsud, is organising a mass public meeting and other actions on the occasion of the Shri Sant Bajat Baba mela at Jambgaon, near Harsud, on 6-7th January. They have requested participation from Delhi NGOs. In this area too there seems to be a growing wave of public opinion against NSP, which needs urgent support from organisations in places like Delhi.

#### Next Delhi Meeting

As described above, a number of developments have taken place since we all last met or corresponded (the above is in fact only a partial listing, there being probably many more events/activities that are not in our knowledge or have been omitted by mistake). Once again, these require some sort of joint response on part of Delhi NGOs. For this reason, we would like all the groups/individuals to meet soon:

on: 11th January, 1989 at 5.00 P.M.

at: Gandhi Peace Foundation

Specifically, some of the issues/topics that need to be discussed:

- 1) Is a dharna still desirable and possible in Delhi? (organisations from the Narmada Valley feel it would help them substantially if it was held, both to keep up the pressure on the govt. and to express solidarity with the struggles of oustees).
- Participation in the national coordination committee, and in the action plans announced by various grassroots organisations.
- 3) Further mobilisation of public opinion within different sections of the society in Delhi, especially those not yet reached (academics, trade unions, scientists).
- 4) Finalisation of the joint statement to be issued by Delhi NGOs.
- 5) Any other way in which Delhi NGOs can contribute to the overall struggle on Narmada?

May I emphasise once again that whatever the outcome of the struggle against the Narmada dams, the way in which we are able to carry it on, and especially to work together in it, will help set an important precedent for all such future struggles?

Hoping to meet on the 11th,

With best wishes for the new year,

Sincerely,

(Ashish Kothari) for Narmada Action Plan

Letter sent to: ESG, CSE, PRIA, Lokayan, DA, EEG, MARG, INTACH, GPF, PEG, SAFE, ISI, Nitin/Deepa Donde, Venkatramani, S.K. Roy

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Dated: 17th October 1988

Mr. Ashish Kuthari, Kalpyriash Lokayan, 13, Alipur Roso, Delhi - 54.

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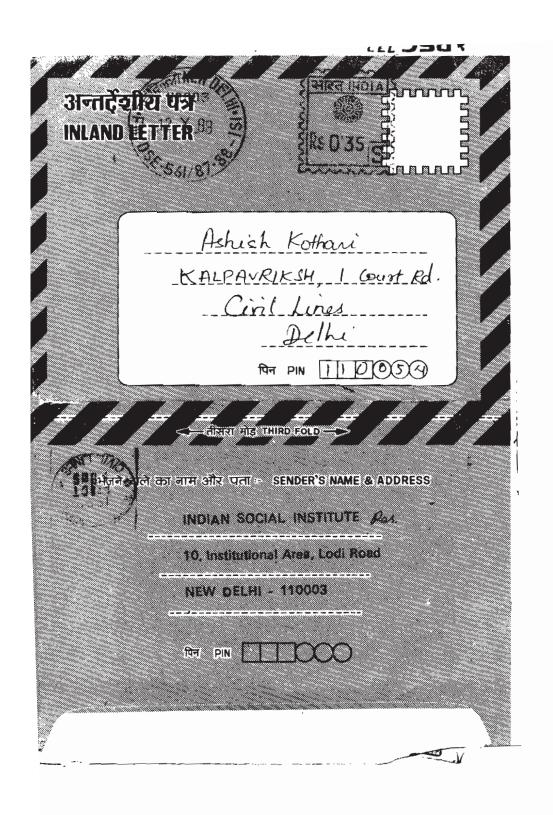
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Are you bringing out a reprint or a new revised edition of the same? Please let us know urgently.

Awaiting your reply,

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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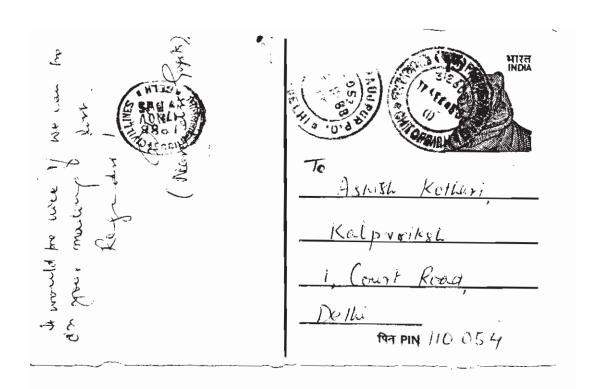
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Dear Mr. Singh,

I recently got a copy of the comprehensive critique of the Narmada Valley Project written by you and Mr. Kothari. The booklet was sent to me by the Environmental Defense Fund in Washington D.C.

I would like to play an active role in the ongoing efforts to change the course of the project towards environmentally and socio-economically sane directions. Since your organization has taken on a central role in this movement, I want to explore fruitful means of involvement with you that will contribute to the overall success of the mission. Given my location in the Boston area, the following possibilities are immediately apparent:

- 1. There is a substantial Indian community in Northeast USA, made up mostly of highly educated professionals. Their support can be mobilized to prevent or reduce the negative impact of the dams.
- 2. The fate of such projects is often largely determined by the World Bank and the IMF, as you well know. Pressure could be brought on these agencies through lobbying, with the help of EDF, other environmental groups, and influential individuals here.
- 3. On page 18 of your Critique booklet you have listed various issues which need to be addressed, such as Research and Monitoring. Indian (and also American) professionals with the required skills and motivation to conduct some of these studies can be mobilized from here by publicizing the need for their services.

During January 5 - February 22, I will be in India and would like to use that opportunity to identify specific issues to pursue from here. Though my travel plans do not include Delhi, I would like to talk with you on the phone, or meet with you if you will be in Bombay during that period. To facilitate our discussion, please send me the latest information about the Narmada project, and your response to the above suggestions, to my Bombay address: 3/58 Savitha, Cheddanagar, Chembur, Bombay 400089. (Phone: 527767). Please include your phone number, dates on which you or others from Kalpavriksh or NAP might be in Bombay, and names and phone numbers of people/groups in Bombay who are active in this effort.

I am a management consultant, with a Ph.D. from M.I.T in Technology Management. My special environmental interest is the preservation of tropical rain forests. I commend the great work you are doing and look forward to talking with you early next year.

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In spite of our best intentions and even trying, we don't seem to be able to take our full part in EAG.

Narmada is serious business, and we know it. However, we find ourselves totally over-committed and some things just have to give.

Do keep us informed and, sooner rather than later, we hope to have a few more people who can take a more active role in environmental action. They will then need to work closely with you.

I recently met Jagadish K. and have offered him a job. He appears tobe very good and may well be one of the people who can help make Development Alternatives more action-oriented.

With my best wishes,

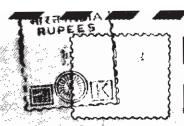
Yours sincerely,

Ashok Khosla

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### ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP



January 24, 1986.

Dear friends,

### Sub: Struggle against Narmada Project: An Appeal

You must be aware of the controversy corrently prevailing over the Narmada Valley Development Project. While the Central Government's clearance to the two major down, Sandar Sarover and Narmada Sagar, has allowed the governments of Gujarat and M.P. to go full steam ahead with construction, local as well as other opposition to the dams has also increased. There has of late been considerably successful mobilisation owing the potential mustous of the name, as well as among other sections of the public.

These efforts at model is attorner, as is to be expected, being met with increasing governmental attempts to break the imposition of the Official Secrets Act (it is anchor if it is this or the National Security Act) wound the Sandar Sandar day site and staff colony (Kevadia). You may be aware of the fact that this staff colony was made in the 1990s after evicting 6 villages, the inhabitants of which were given paltry compensation or no compensation at all. These oustees have since then organised themselves to demand justice.

Move than ever before, local organisations working among the potential obstees need outside support now. Three of them, the Narmada Dharangrast Samiti, the Narmada Greti Navmirman Samiti, and the Narmada Amargrast Sangharsh Samiti, have launched a mass agitation in the Valley, and have suppealed to groups and individuals sutside to support them. Specifically, they have announced two major protest moves in the near future:

Jan. 30: Deliberate breaking of the restrictive measures imposed around Kevadia Colony, and courting arrest; and

Feb. 22: A mass rally, again at Kevadia Colony, of all those opposed to the Project.

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The fact that the Narmada issue is not only an 'environmental' issue (in the narrow sense of the word) but also a human rights one has been pointed out time and again, but has never been so clear as it is now. Your support in this struggle against the repression of legitimate dissent is urgently requested, especially by participation in these two important protest moves. Details of how to get to Kevadia are given below, as also the contact persons and addresses of the three sponsoring organisations.

For any further information regarding these rallies or other aspects of the struggle, please feel free to contact me or Shekhar Singh (Ph. 3313554).

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

(Ashish Kothari)

How to get to Kevadia:

Delhi to Vadodara by night train, then by bus directly to Kevadia (there are frequent buses), or to Gadhergaon (3 km. from Kevadia) by buses bound for Rajpipla. This way you can get to Kevadia by mid-morning.

Contact persons and Addresses:

Medha Patkar Narmada Dharangrast Samiti c/o P. Box 52 Dhule -424001, Maharashtra Shripad Dharmadhikari Narmada Ghati Navnirman Samiti 58 Gandhi Marg, Badwani Dt. Khargone, M.P.

Muljibhai (Sarpanch, Kevadia Village) Narmada Asargrast Sangharsh Samiti Vill. Kevadia, Ta. Rajpipla Dt. Bharuch, Gujarat Dear Mr. Kothari,

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I am writing this letter since I was not able to contact you over the phone.

the meeting of NGOIS on Narmada only yester-day. Actually, we were supposed to shift from Moti Bash in the 1st week of January, so we had asked the postman to redirect the letters to another address. In that mix-up, we got letters of the post few weeks in one lot. I applogise for this mix-up, as I should have informed you before hard about the new address. We will have shifting in late february, so could be you please send all communication to Adil Ali (1986), till I can give you my new address. Adil's address is:

Adil Ali 40 Dr. R.A.Khan B-116 Jamia Campus Jamia Nagar, Delhi-110025,

I will be ringing you up (hope I get through) around Tuesday or wednesday, and if you have any news on the progress h of the Normada handout made by PEG, please let me

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### ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP



January 29, 1989

Dear friends,

### Sub: Narmada Action (?) Plan by Delhi NBOs

The question mark above is deliberate. The experience of the last few attempts at a coordinated effort of Delhi MGPs on the Narmada issue has not been very encouraging. This is especially true of the meetings that have been organised in the last few months; not only have many organisations but attended, but they have not even bothered to respond in any way about the various action points raises in these tirculars.

The January itth meeting, about witch I had sent fairly advance notice. Saw representation only from ESG, MARG, Lokayan; and Kalpayrixsh. Almost the whole session was devoted to the prevailing crisis faced by MARG vistarios the local activist groups. The MARG representatives claimed that their stand on the Narmada issue has been examistently misuncerstood and distorted. Others groups suggested that MARG set out its position clearly in writing; this has been accepted by their, and a statement on this is to be circulated shortly. Everyone present at the meeting was agreeable that an attempt needs to be made to remove misunderstanding: between groups, so that basic ideological similarities or differences could become clearer, following which it would be possible to figure out if further join! work was possible or not.

### Newslathers

Participants also welcomed the idea of a newsletter to been regryone to formed about the latest happenings on the Narmaca issue. The Narmaca Dharangrast Samiti has started a newsletter which is primarily a campaign update going to those involved in the campaign; white to them if you have not recoeved the first issue.

### Where do we go from here?

As mentioned at the start of this circular, the response of Delhi NGOs to attempts at a coordinated effort on Narmada has not been very inspiring. At this stage it appears necessary to assess if such an effort remains viable and desirable. It is quite difficult for a voluntary group like ours to keep up this coordination work, so we need to know if it is really worth it. Could we please have your immediate reaction to this, by way of a telephone call or a letter? Only after having received your responses would it be possible to decide on the future course of action, so please treat this as urgent.

Please also respond to another suggestion: could we organise a public meeting in Delhi where various other organisations/individuals not yet connected to this effort, besides of course the general public, is invited? Especially targetted could be civil rights organisations (to whom we have recently sent a notice about the upcoming rallies), cultural groups (street theatre, etc.), trade unions, student bodies, and the scientific and academic community. It has also been suggested that we try to involve the prominent citizens who had signed the memorandum to the PM some months back, and who are based in Delhi, in such a public meeting.

Best wishes, hoping to see many of you at Kevadia on 22md February, if not before that in Delhi.

Sincerely,

(Ashish Kothari)

Letter sent to: ESS, CSE, PRIA, Lokayan, DA, EEG, MARG, INTACH, GPF, PEG, SAFE, ISI, Nitin/Deepa Donde, Venkatramani, S.K. Roy, CEC, Media Collective, Avinash Deshpande

cc: Narmada Dharangrast Samiti, Narmada Ghati Navnirman Samiti, Narmada Sagar Sangharsh Samiti, Chattra Yuva Sangharsh Vahini, CAISA, Vijay Paranjpye, POWU, Bittu Sangal

P.S. Any other groups/individuals these circulars need to be sent to? Pl. let us know.

Kalpavriksh proposes to bring out a newsletter with a somewhat wider focus, involving:

- --- News (local, national, and international)
- --- Campaign update (reports of past events, announcements of proposed actions taking place in the Valley and elsewhere)
- -- Osbate (on various aspects of the issue)
- --- Contact (names and addresses of individuals/organisations who want or have specific information to offer; also organisations looking out for volunteers or other sort of help)
- --- Available (audio-visual material, published and unpublished reserts, and other such material on Narmada and related topics, with information on where it is available)
- --- Research (studies presently ongoing or needing to be done urgently)
- --- Litigation (legal action ongoing or proposed)
- --- Reviews (of latest material on Narmada)

The first issue of this newsletter is planned for early February. It must be stressed that such an attempt can be successful only if there is regular contribution by all of you; we would request you to sent in material relevant to any of the above topics, and also of course to give ideas on how to make the newsletter as useful as possible. Please send in material to the Kalpavriksh address.

### Campaign events

Events coming up till end of February are:

- --- 30th January: Deliberate violation of the restrictive laws imposed in the area around the Sardar Sarovar Dam site and staff colony, at Kevadia Colony. Organised by the Narmada Dharangrast Samiti, Narmada Chati Navmirman Samiti, and the Narmada Asargrast Sangharsh Samiti.
- --- 22nd February: Mass rally at Kevadia Colony and march to the can site. Organised by the same groups as above. This is meant to be a show of strength by organisations/individuals from all over the country, so maximum participation from you/your organisation is urged.

(Note: Kevadia is easily reached by an overnight train from Delhi to Vadodara, and then frequent buses to the staff colony. For further information please contact us.)

Incidentally, a struggle against another upcoming dam, Auranga in Bihar, is intensifying. The activists there have organised a meeting and rally to coincide with the stopover of Baba Amte's Bharat Jodo Abhiyan at one of the dam-affected villages. This is on 6-7th February. Contact: Meghnath, 6/0 CENDIT (Ph: 6439692/6439693).

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Ashish Kothari
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Dear Ashish,

I have once again missed the meeting of the group since I was absent from Delhi. You will realise that it is going to be extremely difficult for me to attend many of the meetings and take any active part, because I am going to be absent most of the time from Delhi. I am sure that you will understand. I shall try to take some part when I am here.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Walter Fernandes

## **ANGLES** audio - visual studio 5th Feb., 1989

Dear Ashird,

I received the Kulpavrikesh newsletter and arm always happy to read it, Atleast you people have been giving the issue your shoughts and I am able to update my self about the happenings related to the Marmada. The poor response you have been receiving for the various action plans is tragic. I myself have absented bean absent at various occasions for which I offer my apologies,

3 realise that unless some ferm positive steps are taken by our various groups and individuals, we are going to lose the forests by the narmada, united relien in Delhi is imperative. But when do we sente with? And why?

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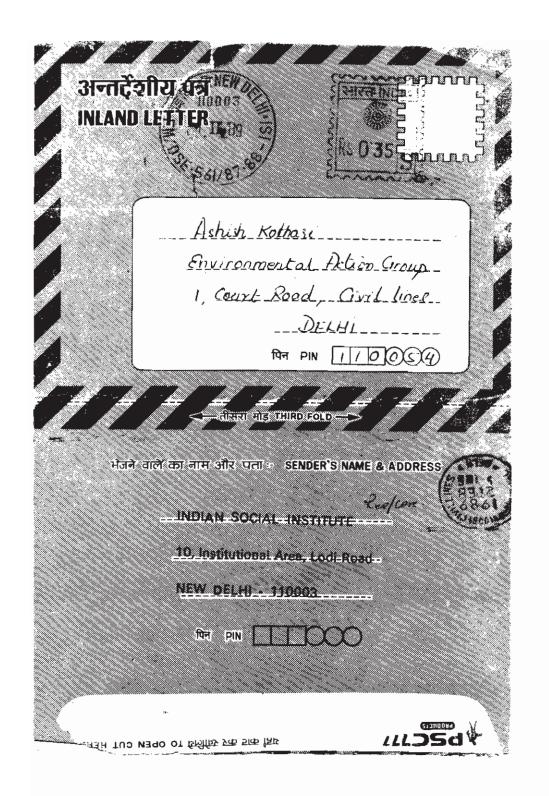
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> your friend, Witin Doude

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Dean Ashioh, 6/2/89.

glad to hear from your about the Normada Action Plan diverlapments. We had a meeting today, and discussed the letter Bent by your.

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Dear Ashish,

I was glad to receive your letter of 29th January regarding the Narmada Action (?) Plan.

I know how difficult it is to go "critical" in mobilising various groups into a concerted, coherent activity. Each group has its own goals, strategies, modus operandi, not to mention problems of identity and self image. Active groups also have the additional problem of over extension and not enough time to do everything they would wish.

Nevertheless, I am glad to see that you have had more success than most efforts of this kind in getting Narmada issue on the map. We have always wished to and will continue to participate in the effort to the extent possible. My colleagues spend a large part of their time in the field, and sometimes their schedules do not coincide with your meetings — and that has been the primary problem. Also, we do not have anyone on board who has actually been dealing with specifically Narmada related problems.

As far as we are concerned, Anupam Mishra and Shekhar Singh, together with Kalpavriksh reflect fairly closely the world view of Development Alternatives and we would certainly be happy to have you assume our support for your efforts on the Narmada unless we explicitly state otherwise. In time, we would like to see a somewhat more solid evaluation procedure developed, but until this is possible we are certainly on the side of keeping resource options open.

With my best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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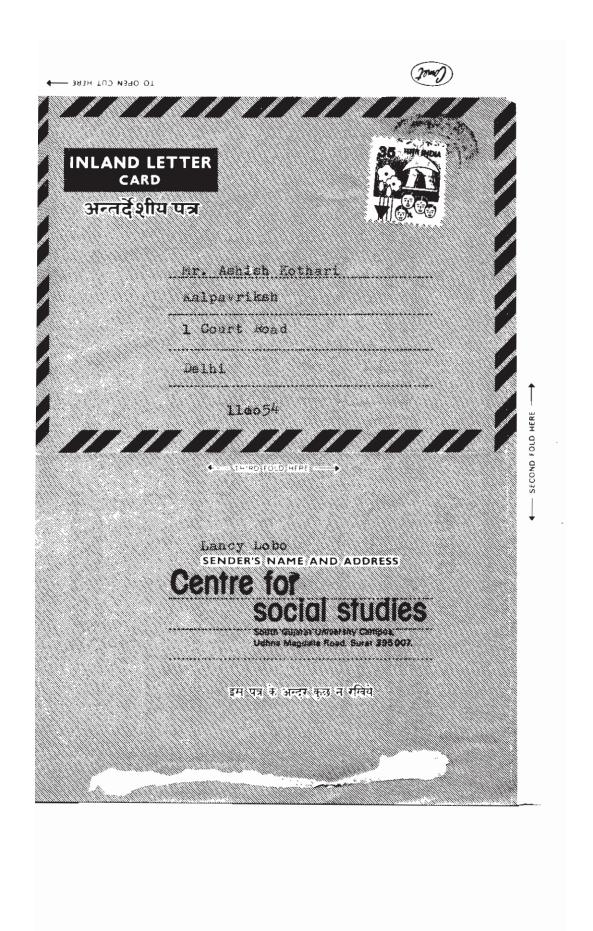
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In our periodical 'Indienrundbrief' we published a comprehensive article on Marmada Project (January 1988) by Thomas Methfessel, who had investigated in Gujarat mainly (social effects on inhabitants of 19 villages). By the same author we published a pocket book in July 1988 (in time for the World Bank Meeting in Berlin; which was accompanied by many critical programmes of various progressive groups) under the title: 'Still Shive's Tears are Tlowing - Large Dams in the Valley of Narmada are about to Chase Indian Tribal Peoples from their Home Regions'. (At the same time the text is the diploma paper of the author in Geography; you may call it action-oriented research.)

Indour next issue of Indienrundbrief we would like to report about the latest developments and on any possibility to support your campaign, e.g. by letters, signatures etc. I would be very grateful, if you could send us up-to date informations and materials.

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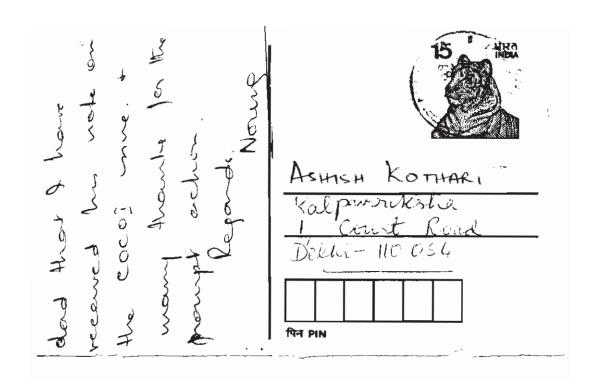
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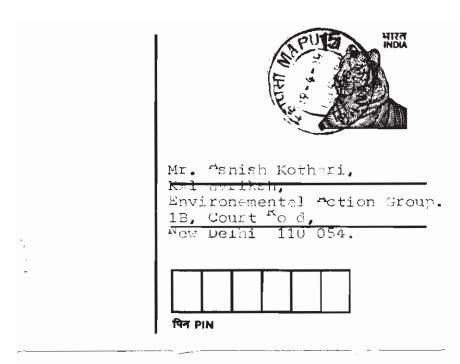
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## ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP



July 21, 1989

Dear friends,

#### Sub: Narmada : Further Action Plan for Delhi NGO's

It has been a long time since the last meeting on Narmada was called to discuss the joint action plan for Delhi based groups. A lot of things have happened since then, and we are sorry not to have been able to keep up these circulars.

Now once again the need has been expressed, especially by those working in the Narmada Valley itself, to try and coordinate action by groups in Delhi. Perhaps the fact that we are based in the capital gives us an added responsibility.

A chronology of some of the major events and developments that have taken place over the last few months will give you an idea of the extent of pressure that is being brought to bear on the Central and State govts, and the World Bank:

4th April: A day long dharna was held before the Vidhan Sabha in Bhopal by over 1000 potential SSP oustees, all of whom later courted arrest. Some MP's and MLA's also participated, subsequently leading to questions being raised in the Vidhan Sabha.

<u>April-May</u>: The World Bank appointed reappraisal missions to look into aspects of resettlement and rehabilitation (R&R), environmental impact and economics of the Project. Their report on R&R showed huge lacunae in work done by the State govts.

6th-7th May: The Narmada Bachao Andolan held a national meeting in Bombay to evolve an action plan that includes the following:-

- Support for mobilisation within the Valley
- ~ Mobilisation/Lobbying outside the Valley
- Education/Awareness/Documentation
- Legal Action

June: For the third time the World Bank extended its deadline for states to prepare adequate resettlement and rehabilitation plans meeting the Bank's minimum requirements. The date now fixed for cutting off credit is 30th June 1990.

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Dr. D.R. Shah Reader

Department of Rural Studies,

17th July, 1989.

To

Ashish Kothari, 'KALPVRIKSH' Court Road, <u> Jelhi - 110 054.</u>

Jear Sir,

I shall be extremely grateful if you please spare the copy of the Harmada valley project - A booklet critique published by you. This booklet is required for an objective research study on Narmada dam project. .. e shall send you the copies of the papers published based on this study.

I hope you will kindly cooperate and allow us to understand alternative view points of this controversial project.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

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Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

for CENTRE FOR EDUCATION AND DOCUMENTATION

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#### Farhed Venia

22md July, 1989

Dear Dr. Shah,

We were pleased to receive your letter informing us about the research you intend to undertake on the Hazmada Valley Project. A copy of the booklet and two peoplets has already been dispatched.

Our documentation on various aspects related to the Project has been fairly extensive covering a period of nearly 10 years. Perhaps you might like to send us a copy of your research proposal, which will give us an idea of how we could assist you further in your work.

Looking forward to hearing from you again and best wishes for the endeavour.

Thanking you,

Moure Sincorely,

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August 7, 1989

Dear Ashish,

We have received you circular dated July 21, 1989, giving an update of events of the past few months,

Please send the notices or circulars regarding the Harsud rally, well in advance so that as many of us as possible can plan to participate.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(TARA GANDHI)

Shri Ashish Kothari, Environmental Action Group, C/17A, Munirka, NEW DELHI - 110 067

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Dear friend,

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25th August 18)

Received your letter dt. 21st August, 1989 about the public meeting to be held on 2mi September 1989. In this connection I bring to your attention that Citizens For Democracy has organised a seminar on 'How to Combat Communalism on 2nd September 1989 between 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

However, we fully sup ort your cause, and try to see that some of our representatives attend the said public meeting.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

(U.D.Pancholi)

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Dear friend,

The deteriorating communal situation in the country continues to cause alarm to all the concerned. Therefore, Citizens For Democracy has organised to seminar on "HOW TO COMBAT COMMUNALISM" as per programme above. The main object of the seminar is to find ways and means to check the disease and to develop and strengthen an organised movement to fight it.

Your participation in the above seminar would be of immense use.

We therefore request you to kindly make it convenient to participate in the above programme.

With regards,

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Yours sincerely

(Ashok Bharti) General Secretary

We believe, you prefer speed to formality. Hence this fleeting reply.

August 30,1989

Dear Niti Anand:

Thank you for your communciaiton on "Narmada Bachao Andolan". I regret that due to other preoccupations shall not be able to join your meeting on the 2nd Sept.

However I want you to knwo that I am in full agreement with your movement and shall be able to join you on some other occaison. Please keep me informed of your programme.

Wishing you all success, Cordially,

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30 AUGUST 1989.

Dear Ms Anand,

Thank you for your letter of 21 August, 1989.

I am afraid my absence from Delhi on the 2nd September prevents me from participating in the public meeting which you are organising in Delhi on that date.

May I wish the meeting and the rally which you are organising on the 20th September, 1989 every success.

With best Wishes,

Yours sincerely, P. T. Swift (Soli J. Sorabjee)

Ms Niti Anand, Narmada Bachao Andolan-Delhi, C/17-A, Nunirka, New Delhi:110 067.

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Dear Sir,

Dt. 11.8.1989.

I am studying various aspects related to the Narmada Project. You are involved in one way or another in articulating various problems or received is sure related to Narmada Project.

I shall appreciate if you can send me a brief report or note regarding your activities in this field.

I particularly want to know your stand of one cological aspects, the problem of R & R as also, why you have taken this stand with total or conditional support to or protest against the Narmada Project.

Your co-operation will go quite a longway in helping me to asses the contraversy that has chased this project.

Any other relevant material will be welcome.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

(Pravin N. Sheth)

professor and Head,
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To:

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To Farhad Vania Environmental Action Group C/17A, Minirka, New Delhi-110067

Dear Farhad Vania:

Thanks for your kind letter dated 22nd July, 89. With reference to my proposed research papers. I intend to do work on all three basic aspects

- a. Economics of the project
- b. Environmental Impact
- c. Rehabilitation

However, currently, I have devoted my attention to (a) Rural development benefits of the project (b) Energy benefits project (c) Environmental costs (d) Plan and provision of Reducing Environmental losses and redressing the ecological imbalances. likely to be up set due to the project.

I therefore, request you if you have bibliographic notes xx or list of the major studies in this and I area I shall be very grateful to borrow from the group.

As I am planning for the detailed studies of my own. I have not taken any stand on the issue of the feasibility and desirability of this project.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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To Farhad Vania, Environmental Action Group, C/17A, Munirka, <u>NEW DELHI</u> - 110 067

Dear Sir,

This is in continuation of my earlier letter. I have gone through 'Narmada Valley Project. A critique. some of the points are quite important.

May I know if you could please send the papers quoted in your study.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Encl:-As above.

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If you need any further details please do write to us again. We may also be able to assist you further in your work if you could send us a more specific proposal of exactly what aspects you wish to study.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Anand,

In the absence of the Vice Chairman I am writing on his behalf to thank you for your cyclostyled letter dated 21st August, 1989 to him which reached this office only on 6th September, 1989. He has consequently beginnable to reply. The subject of your crusade is of particular interest to him.

 $Your\ \ letter\ \ will\ \ be\ \ placed\ \ before\ \ him\ \ on\ \ his\ \ return$  from tour.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

(Shiv Shankar) Senior Personal Assistant

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Dear Sri Anand,

on the Narmada Project. Unfortunately I send not attend the meeting of 28th September though I am fully in support of the view that the people who are being opto date because of the project should be rehabilited and fully compensated for, including those whose rights are not documented and also the labourers who would loose their livelihood. I am also in favour of a thing assessment of the ecological consequences of the programme so that no irreversible change takes place with regard to Flora and Fauna.

With best wishes,

Yours

Bynu

( Dr. Biplab Dasgupta)

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Dear Friend.

We are sure you know about the forthcoming rally being organised by a wide coalition of environmental and social action groups from all over India at Harsud, M.P. on 28th Sept., 1989. This letter is to give you further details and to urge you to attend this historic event.

## Programme

The tentative programmo for 28th Sept., is as follows:

From 27th night itself cultural programmes related to the theme of the Sankalp Mela will be presented. The main programme will start on 28th Sept., at 11.00 a.m. The lighting of 'mashaals' (torches) by activists from various areas will mark the start of the event. Thereafter the schedule is:

- Songs
- Programme pledge: "We Want Development, Not Destruction"
- Introduction of the people and organisations who have come from different parts of the country, and announcement of names of supporting groups/individuals who are not present. Sharing of information by representives of 10 12 different regions regarding the issues and struggle related actions in their respective areas
- Chief speakers to address the meeting
- Announcement of the tentative post 28th Sept., action plan
- Group song
- Pledge taking programme (in different languages)
- Rally through Harsud town
- Establishment of a momorial, with the common resolve not to let it be submerged by the Narmada Sagar Project
- Burning of an effigy of "Destructive Development"
- End with the Song 'Hum Honge Keniyab' ('We Shall Overcome')

Note: People are to bring a handful of mud/earth from their homes/villages, which will be used to sculpt the memorial.

Prior to and after the main programme, smaller programmes such as tribal dances, street plays, puppet shows, poster - exhibitions, sale of literature etc. will also be organised.

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#### How to Reach Harsud

Harsud is on the Itarsi-Bhusaval rail route or Hoshangabad - Kandwa road route. From Delhi the most convenient link is as follows:

Alternatively, you can take trains to Itarsi reaching Itarsi latest on 27th night. There are several trains/buses from Itarsi to Harsud.

Please do let us know at the earliest if your organisation, would like to be included in the final list of those participating and/or expressing solidarity with the Harsud Sankalp Mola (see list attached).

Please do respond.

In solidarity

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Sept 15, 1989

Dear Ms Anand,

Thanks for your kind letter dated 21st August, 89 inviting me to the public meeting organised at Delhi on 2nd Sept. 89 for Narmada Bachao Andolan in which a gallaxy of scholars addressed. Inspite of my deepk commitment to National Environmental promotion and protection I could not attend this meeting because of earlier commitments. Still I like to convey and assure my all possible supports to strengthen hand to fight for the rights of the millions whohave been neglected miserably in such National Development Programmes and projects. I am working at present how the thousands and thousands of tribals have been pauperized and uprooted from their cultural habitate with the establishment of Rourkela Steel plant way back in fifties. I look forward to get more information in this matter.

With warm personal regards,

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Will you please let us know the amount to be paid, to whom payable, the mode of payment etc at an early date.

Looking forward to hear from you soon.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely, Society for Developmental Action

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With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Now.:

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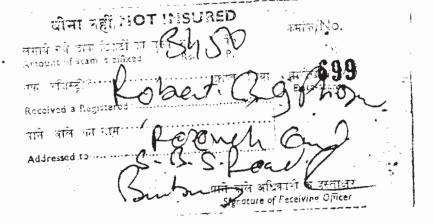
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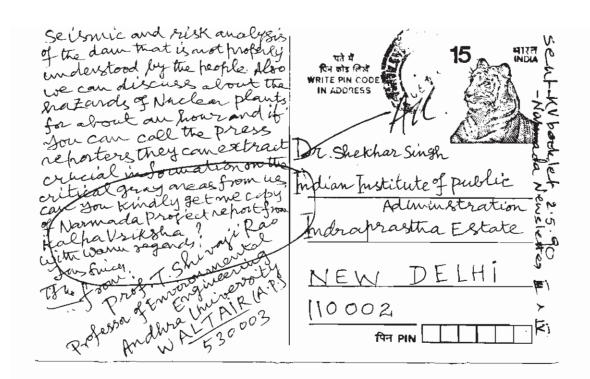
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#### Narmada Bachao Andolan - Delhi : Meeting on Narmada

It has been a long time since the Delhi groups active on Narmada have met to discuss their involvement. Individuals and groups have of course, continued to make their specific contributions but perhaps we need to coordinate our efforts further. This is now being increasingly felt in the light of the rapidly changing political scenario of the country, besides certain other events directly related to Narmada.

28th Sept. Rally against 'destructive development' at Harsud, M.P.

24th Oct. Appeal before a Congressional Sub-Committee hearing of the United States Government, by activists of the Narmada Bachao Andolan.

1-2nd Dec. Post-Harsud meeting at Bhopal. Formulation of an action plan by the Andolan for the next few months.

Two specific points have been shortlisted for discussion at the next meeting of the Narmada Bachao Andolao - Delhi.

- Impact of NGO representation at the Environment sub-group meeting of the Narmada Control Authority.
- Involvement of Delhi groups in the action plan drawn up at Emppal for the Andolan.

Please feel free to bring up any other points you would like discussed at the meeting. Needless to say your participation is absolutely <u>essential</u>. Please confirm the same with either Ashish Kothari (2518377) or K. Jagdish (665370), preferably as soon as you receive this letter.

With best wishes for the new year.

In solidarity,

Ashish Kothari

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New Delhi - 110002

Date : January 4, 1990

Time : 5.00 p.m.

February 28, 1990

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You are perhaps aware of the major rally that is being organised on Merch 6th, 1990, in the Narmada Valley, to protest against the Narmada Project. Details of this rally are as follows:

Vitate : Starting from Badwani, M.P.

: March 6, 1990

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Badwani is about 5-6 hours by bus from Indore - those going from the should try to leave by the 4th of March.

Simultaneous demonstrations saaking a re-appraisal of the Nirmada daws are being organised on 6th March at Bombay, Delhi and other places. At those who cannot go to Badwani are urged to participate in a <u>dharna</u> in Delhi, outside the Planning Commission office. The details are as the lowe:

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For further details please contact us at the numbers below:

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The Chief Reporter

# DEMONSTRATION AGAINST NARMADA DAMS

The Narmada Bachao Andolan-Delhi, consisting of over 20 environmental, human rights, and other organisations, is holding a 'dharna' outside the Planning Commission to demand a re-assessment of the Sardar Sarovar and Narmada Sagar Projects. This demonstration is being held in solidarity with a similar action in the Valley today, in which thousands of tribals, peasants, and representatives of organisations from all over the country are participating. This mass rally, in the form of a 'parikrama' of the river, is starting today at Badwani, Madhya Pradesh.

In Delhi, apart from the 'dharna', a memorandum will be handed over on the same day to the Chairman, Planning Commission, putting forth in detail the arguments for a re-assessment of the projects.

The details of the Delhi 'dharna' are as follows:

Venue : outside Yojana Bhawan (Planning Commission), Parliament Street

Date : March 6, 1990

Time : 11 A.M. (the Press is requested to come at around 12 Noon)

We would be grateful if you could give this demonstration suitable coverage, by sending a reporter and photographer.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,

(Ashish Kothari) on behalf of Narmada Bachao Andolan

Cl7/A Munirka, New Delhi - 110067

Sarthosh, Ajay (WWF), Sheena, Mridula, Jayal, Ranyan, Sm. Fu, Ravindra, Ashish, Namada meeting - 5/4/90

1. What could be legal strategy? Prepare a note on what we think are legal points, circulate to NBA groups, & decide subseq. Possible points - lapsing of clearance - no rehab. plans, violation of Tribunal

Note to be prepared by 88, Shekhar, Ashish, Smity, Vasudha, Jayal

2. Should ask for representation at Net meeting on 10th

3. Should prepare a note for I Rehab. Sub-Group in meeting on 17th; giving our arguments & asking clarifications Ajay-will search for a law which says no tribal displ. beyond 12km of existing residence

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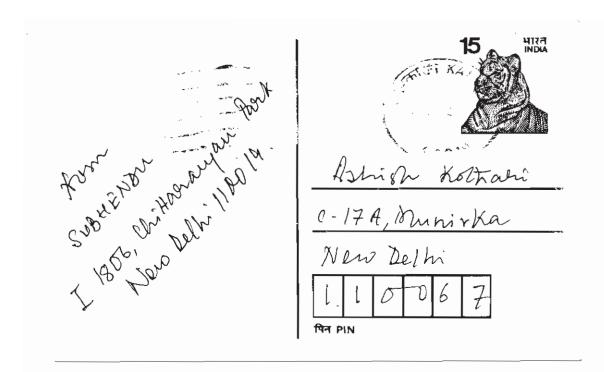
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On behalf of the tribals peasants, and activists of the Marmada Valley who were here on a 4-day dharma between April 16 and 19, 1990, I would like to thank you for supporting their cause. Thanks especially to those who helped organise, contributed financially to, or participated in, the dharma and related actions.

At the dharma on 19.4.90 an informal meeting was held between the Valley's activists and representatives of Delhi groups active in the Narmada Bachao Andolan. It was felt that a series of mass actions were needed in the next few months, demanding a stoppage of work on the Sardar Sarovar Project pending a complete re-assessment of the dan's economic, environmental, and social viability. These actions would primarily be in the Valley, but some major action was needed in Delhi also, since the decision to as' for a review seem now to rest with the Narmada Control Authority and/or Frime Minister.

In the valley itself, a series of meetings, demonstrations, and representations pressurising the M.P. Covernment to revoke its order placing Badwani and surrounds under Section 144, are planned. This order was passed by the Govt. after a peaceful demonstration by hundreds of potential oustees and activists, including Baba Amte, was brutally lathi-charged by mounted police on April 6, 1990. The prohibitory orders under Sec. 144 have been promulgated for a period of 3 months, and are a blatant violation of the right of local people to peacefully voice their protest.

In Delhi, the action plan has as its major evertan indefinite tharma in front of the Frime Minister's residence, sometime in May. Over 2000 tribals and others would be coming from the Valley, along with representatives from ecological and social movements from all over the country. Baba Amte is also expected to participate.

The organisation of this dhama is a major responsibility for the Delhi groups. Given proper thought and planning, the event can certainly have a major impact on the government's stand vis-a-vis the Narmada Project. But it is clearly impossible for only 2-3 groups/individuals to organise it. The contribution of all of Delhi's groups/individuals in this is therefore urgently requested. Help is needed for fund raising, food, water and other arrangements, police permission, press coverage, mobilisation amongst a cross-section of the public (NOOs, MPs, trade unions, students, academics, etc.)

A meeting to discuss the plans/arrangements for this demonstration is being held

At: Gandhi Peace Foundation On: May 2nd, 1990 (Wednesday)

At: 4 P.M.

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I would be grateful if you could come for this meeting.

Several organisations have also suggested that it is imperative to study the various possible alternatives to SCP, to bolster our arguments against it and to meet the genuine water and energy needs of the area. Some alternatives have already been suggested by Vijay Paranjpye and Baha Amte, but more needs to be done. It may be worthwhile to hold a meeting/work shop on this issue soon, if one of the groups could take the responsibility of organising it. Perhaps we could discuss this also at the above mentioned meeting.

Hope to see you on May 2nd, with best wishes,

Yours Sincerely,

(ASHISH KOTHARI)

on behalf Narmada Bachan Andolan - Delhi.

June - July: The government of Maharashtra attempted to release 2500 ha. of forest land for rehabilitation of potential oustees from its damaffected villages. The proposal was rejected by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

17th July: World Bank officials were gheraped at their headquarters in Delhi by a group of 40-50 people including inhabitants from affected villages in Guj., Mah. & MP., members of the Narmada Bachao Andolan and representatives of Delhi, Bombay & Ahmedabad MGD7s. Later in the day a well attended press conference was held at Gandhi Peace Foundation to protest the latest moves of the World Bank and government, followed by a meeting among the activists.

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<u>11-12 Aug.</u>: A preparatory meeting to plan for the September rally (see below) will be held either at Hoshangabad or Itarsi, organised by the Narmada Bachao Andolan and supporters.

28th Sept.: A day long rally at Harsud, M.P. has been fixed, to be attended not just by Narmada activists but also activists and people affected by destructive development projects everywhere in India. The rally has the following tentative agenda:

- Reiteration of stand of total oposition to Sardar Sarovar and Narmada (Indira) Sagar.
- Presentations and expressions of solidarity by other groups across the country, involved on issues of dams, displacement, environment, human rights etc.
- Formulation of a future course of action to be taken by the movement.

#### WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN DELHI

As a run-up to the Harsud rally, the months of August and September need to be devoted to a campaign to enlist support through meetings, talks, etc. to cover as comprehensive a cross section of the public as possible, including students, lawyers, trade unions, women's groups, human rights organisations, environmental groups etc.

In order to discuss and draw up a more concrete working plan a meeting has been scheduled:

at: Gandhi Peace Foundation

on: 3rd August, 1989 4.30 P.M.

Needless to say your participation is <u>absolutely essential</u>. There is very little time and too many things to be done. For further information on the meeting or rally or any other related aspects of the struggle please contact us.

Hope to see you **soon,** 

Call: Sincerely,

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(ASHISH KOTHARI)

P.S. You must by now have received the first issue of <u>Narmada</u>: A <u>Campaign Newsletter</u>, being brought out by Kalpavriksh and Lokayan on behalf of the Narmada Bachao Andolan. Please do send frank comments.

## Footmarch through Displacement Zone of SSP

On the positive side, there are a number of things to report. Members of some Delhi NGOs participated in the footmarch organised by the Narmada Dharangrast Samiti (NDS) and the Narmada Navnirman Samiti (NNS) through the proposed submergence zone of SSP, in November. The mobilisation efforts by these and other groups seem to be gaining ground rapidly, and there are indications of a considerable groundswell of opposition in the potential displacement villages. As you all may be aware, all these groups have now given a call to totally oppose the SSP and NSP, convinced as they are that the M.P. and Maharashtra Governments and possibly also the Gujarat Government are incapable of providing anything like a just rehabilitation to all the oustees. The Chattra Yuva Sangharsh Vahini however maintains that this may still be possible, and are concentrating their efforts on ensuring full implementation of the various rehabilitation measures announced by the Gujarat Govt. for oustees of Gujarat.

#### Ahmedabad Meeting

A meeting of activists and organisations was organised by NDS, NNS, and other groups in Ahmedabad on 18-19th December, which was attended by myself and Nalini Kant of Lokayan. The future action plan was discussed in detail. I give below the main points:

- --- An attempt is to be made to set up loosely organised coordination committees at state levels in Guj., Mah., and M.P., which can help various groups and individuals in these states work jointly. In addition, a very informal national coordination committee (the words used with a great deal of hesitation!) was discussed, which is to meet at least once in one-and-a-half months to assess the situation and decide future course of action.
- --- A newsletter focussing on the campaign opposing the SSP and NSP is to be brought out from Dhulia, base of the NDS. The NDS hopes to be able to get continuous updates from various groups involved, and to produce this newsletter once every month.
- --- Another newsletter, dealing with the larger effort regarding Narmada, incorporating the various different shades of opinion that have crystallised recently, and catering to a much larger audience than just those involved in the Narmada campaign, is to be brought out by Kalpavriksh from Delhi. Care is to be taken to ensure that there is minimal overlap between this and the above campaign newsletter.
- --- A 'jail bharo' action is being planned for the 30th of January, at Kevadia Colony, near the SSP dam site. This is to protest specifically against the imposition of a 'restricted area' status to that area which not only prohibits assembly but also severely restricts movements of individuals in the area. Details of this have still to come from the organisers (NDS, NNS, etc.); as soon as they do, I will inform you.
- --- A mass rally of oustees and others is being held at Kevadia Colony, again, on the 22nd of February. Members of Delhi organisations are expected to turn up in full force. Again, more on that later.

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Tentatively the charma was fixed for December 2. Howell 11 was later learned that this may be concrement for some people, and the new rate fixed in <u>December 9.</u> Please inform us urgently if this date is convenient for you; it is vital that all groups/individuals be present at the charma. The venue, again tentative, at it is finde of the Narmada Control Authority at Palita Bhavan, R.K. Suram. Does someone have a before year (The Plannin; Commission was also considered, but there is foother 164 around it).

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A meeting to chalk out the plans for the dharna is being held on the 10th of November, at the Gandhi Peace Foundation, at 5 PM.

# 2. Legal Action

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group in Delhi. It was then agreed that groups like the Yarmada Dharangrast Samita and the Marmada Navnirman Samiti would be approxi-. AARG is also to work out a strategy for its position, following which it would discuss it with other groups.

Fortunately media Pateur of the Karmada Daurungmant Sampti happened to come in to Delhi a week after the October 25 meeting, so the option was discussed with her. She was of the opinion that at this stage a petition should not be filed in the Supreme Court, since if it was thrown out or lost quickly, it would considerably weaken the efforts at mass mobilisation that are ongoing. It was publicable to the last on the other hand, the situation was a 'now-or-never' one; with the construction, work on SSP going on full tilt, the argument of "we've already spent so much money on it, we can't stop the dam more" would some provail.

nother in Guing to ciscuss this with Sirish Patel and other lawyers in Gujarab/Maharashtra and write back to us soon. Meanwhile, advocate Venhatramani is helping to finalise the draft of the petition. An initial draft has already been discuss secon, some NSOs; of others would like to see it, please let us soom. Also, if you have some ideas on this, and especially if you know of lawyers or students of law who could help, it would be a great belp.

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## 3. John Statement

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bransiate the statement into Hindi and Gujarati (since positive at would first be written in English), and to provide lasts of journalists and editors in Gujarat who would help to disseminate it. Kalpavriksh, MARG, and Lokayan members took on the responsibility of preparing a draft of the statement for circulation amongst other groups.

A meeting was held on the very next day to work out the outline for the fraft. Vijoy Paranjapye was present to give a sympsis of his interim findings regarding the economics of SSP. It was agreed that the statement would first by . ... the questions about the claimed benefits of the project (including both their quantitative feasibility as well as their class-bias), then soint out the various environmental and social costs that have been underplayed by the government, and finally suggest alternatives that need to be explored.

The statement is now under preparation.

Sorry for this long-winded letter, and hope to see you all on the 10th of November!

Sincerely,

(Ashish Kothari) for Harmada Action Flam

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PS: Please lot we know of there is any other MORD/individual who should be somb these circulars.

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- Give press release in adv. - KV
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1. Programme on 19th

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May 24, 1990

Dear

The dharna against the Narmada Project from May 14 to May 18, outside the Prime Minister's residence, turned out to be a major step for the Narmada movement. For the first time in years, an official of the level of the Prime Minister publicly admitted that there was substance in the arguments raised by the Narmada Bachao Andolan, and agreed to hold discussions with its representatives. This was on the 17th. The very next day, the Andolan was invited to talks with the Secretaries of the Ministries of Water Resources, Environment and Forests, and Social Welfare, and the Secretary, Narmada Control Authority.

At the meeting, Andolan representatives made it clear that the talks must move towards a review of the very <u>viability</u> of the Project, and not be restricted to rehabilitation and environmental measures, with the dam being taken for granted. We identified several issues which must be discussed as part of this review (the list is enclosed). We also laid out what we thought should be the <u>modus operandi</u> of a review process. The Secretaries seemed quite open to our ideas, but said that they would have to consult the Prime Minister before committing anything. We suggested that they let us know by the end of May, which they accepted.

If such a review is accepted, the Andolan will need to put in a lot of hard work. Remember that we may be up against the entire scientific, engineering, and other expertise that the government has at its command. Sustained, independent work will need to be done on the various environmental, social, economic, and financial issues listed.

This work clearly cannot be done only by those representing the Andolan at the discussions. I would like to appeal to all of Delhi's groups and individuals to take active part in this, by pooling in the varied resources, expertise, and experience which you all have. I hope I am not exaggerating if I say that, whatever the outcome of these discussions, if we can put up a solid defence of our case regarding the Narmada Project, it will help in initiating a process by which decisions regarding such 'developmental' projects will involve genuine people's groups and representatives.

A meeting to discuss the role of Delhi groups/individuals in this process, as also to talk about other future actions regarding the Narmada issue, is being held:

At: Indian Social Institute

On: June 1, 1990

At: 2 PM

Hope to see you at the meeting. With best wishes,

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Dear

The dharna against the Narmada Project from May 14 to May 18, outside the Prime Minister's residence, turned out to be a major step for the movement. Arrangements for the dharna required a considerable amount of effort, time, and resources, and it was a great experience to have so many of you pitching in. Barring some hiccups, all the various 'backstage' arrangements --- food, water, tents, transportation, fund-collection, media coverage, medical facilities, poster-making, wall-writing, and a host of other things --- were successfully done. All the activists from the Valley and other places were extremely appreciative of the way in which the dharna was organised.

Your contribution, financial and/or material, went a long way in helping to arrange the dharna. We thank you for the same, and look forward to continued support.

The experience of working together for the last 20-25 days was also valuable in another way: simply in showing that we can do it. I am sure you are all hoping, like I am, that this sort of effort can be sustained, not just on the Narmada front but on other issues as well. The dharna was itself worth the tremendous effort put in, but continued collaboration in follow-up work will make it doubly worthwhile.

We will keep in touch. Once again, with thanks,

Sincerely,

Angana)

on behalf of the Narmada Bachao Andolan

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Normada review letter 6.6 90 RREPONSES

Dear

SUB: Continued Delhi Action on Narmada

Note: Please do not treat this as routine circular --- a very urgent appeal is contained in it

A meeting of Delhi groups involved in the Narmada issue was called on June 1, 1990, to discuss possible activities as a follow-up of the dharna in May. Unfortunately, due to some misunderstanding many groups and individuals were not intimated on time, for which I apologise. Those who could attend were from ISI, CEC, Young Intach, Lokayan, WWF-India, and Kalpavriksh.

I am giving below some of the issues we discussed at the meeting.

### The Review Process

As you know, the Prime Minister, in his discussions with Andolan activists on May 18, had agreed to start a dialogue on the Narmada Project immediately. Accordingly a meeting was fixed the next day, between representatives of the Andolan and Secretaries of the Ministries of Water Resources, Environment and Forests, and Social Welfare, and the Secretary, Narmada Control Authority.

At the meeting, Andolan representatives made it clear that the talks must move towards a review of the very <u>viability</u> of the Project, and not be restricted to rehabilitation and environmental measures, with the dam being taken for granted. We identified several issues which must be discussed as part of this review (the list is enclosed). We also laid out what we thought should be the <u>modus operandi</u> of a review process. The Secretaries seemed quite open to our ideas, but said that they would have to consult the Prime Minister before committing anything. We suggested that they let us know by the end of May, which they accepted.

The review process, if it does start, is gong to require a concerted and fairly large-scale effort on the part of the Andolan. Individuals and groups all over India who can contribute to the very many issues under discussion, will need to be mobilized. The following kinds of tasks with the corresponding kinds of people, would be needed:

- 1. <u>Documentation</u>, both in terms of building up a well-organised, easily-usable reference system for the several hundred documents on Narmada, as well as culling out information and making notes on various issues. This work can be done by almost anyone, but people with writing/organising skills would make things easier.
- 2. Analysing and critiquing official studies and workplans, detailed project reports, financial viability reports, and other official documents relating to the Project. This work will need to be done, or at least guided, by 'experts' in the various issues concerned and can involve students of various disciplines.
- 3. Building up a case for <u>alternative ways</u> of providing water, irrigation, and power, or of otherwise developing the concerned regions in a sustainable and equitable manner. This work needs a whole range of people, from field workers to technical experts.

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With the above in mind, what we need is a comprehensive list of individuals and organisations who can help. The list of issues attached will give you an idea of the kind of expertise or experience needed. Can I request you to help in identifying such people? It would be useful if, apart from the name, you also send the address, phone number, and field of specialisation/experience. We could start with identifying people in Delhi, though of course names of non-Delhites would also be relevant. Please treat this as URGENT, since the review process may start soon.

Once a number of people who can take part in the review process are identified, the Andolan representatives will need to meet them collectively. Tentatively, a meeting of 'experts' has been called on 17th of June, at Bhopa! If you have anyone in mind who can be involved, their participation in this meeting would be crucial. So I would appreciate recieving your suggestions as early as possible.

### Repression in Alirajpur, Madhya Pradesh

Some of you may have heard of the police repression that has taken place in the villages of Alirajpur Tehsil, District Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh. Apparently on May 12-13 and again on May 18, police beat up villagers who were peacefully resisting, and protesting against, the survey teams of the Narmada Valley Development Authority, M.P. These incidents come as the latest in a series of repressive actions that the M.P. government has been taking of late.

Narmada Bachao Andolan - Delhi sent a team immediately on hearing of these latest incidents in Alirajpur. The 3-member team has come back, and intends to release its findings to the press on 7th June. The news may already come out by the time this letter reaches you.

But apart from highlighting the repression in the media, other steps need to be taken to ensure that this blatant violation of the democratic right of the people to voice their discontent, is immediately stopped. Various suggestions have come up in this respect:

- 1. A strong letter to this effect to the Prime Minister, the Home Minister (Government of India), and the Home Minister/Secretary (M.P.), demanding action against the officers responsible, and steps to ensure that the repression is not repeated.
- 2. Requesting some prominent legal and human rights personalities/groups to take up the issue on our behalf.
- 3. Preparing a more detailed report giving the history of repression, harassment, and curtailment of basic human rights in the Narmada Valley, including imposition of the Official Secrets Act at the SSP dam site, the suppression of all debate in Gujarat, and other such instances in the last few years.

I would greatly appreciate your comments on this, and request you to help in this critical issue to whatever extent you can. Particularly useful would be volunteers for point no. 3 above, and the right contacts for point no. 2.

### Violations of the World Bank Agreement

As you know, the World Bank had last year put off its decision on further funding for SSP for an year, giving this much time to the government to produce comprehensive plans for human rehabilitation and environmental mitigation. The deadline for this, May 15, has passed, yet

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these plans are nowhere in sight. It is now, more than ever before, evident that such plans may well be impossible, and therefore that the World Bank stipulations may never be met.

Yet the government is likely to try and make a show of having complied with the conditions. We already know for instance, the house and property surveys that have been done in the first phase SSP submergence villages of M.P., have been thoroughly inadequate, and have involved considerable repression of the people in the area. Yet the M.P. government has stated that a comprehensive survey has been completed in Alirajpur, and 'completely peacefully'!

In this context, some of us thought it appropriate to write to the Bank stating these facts and demanding that it withdraw from SSP. Since the Bank's decision on this was to be made soon, it was necessary to send the letter urgently. So instead of waiting for the next meeting of Delhi groups, we are calling up all the concerned groups/individuals and asking for their support. We will try to send off this letter by the 7th or 8th of June.

You will of course have read of the discontinuation of Japanese aid to the SSP. Though this has yet to be formally announced by the Japanese government, our information from Friends of the Earth - Japan is that the decision has been made.

### Upcoming Programme in the Valley

A demonstration is planned outside the Vidhan Sabha, at Bhopal, on 21st June, 1990, at which a few hundred tribals and peasants from the SSP submergence zone in M.P. are expected to participate. This is being held to protest against the repressive actions of the government at Alirajpur and other places, as also the reprehensible way in which the Chief Minister, Sunderlal Patwa, has gone back on the promises he made to the Andolan (including that of asking the Central Government, to comprehensively review the Project) after the Khalghat action in March.

The Valley's organisations have requested maximum Delhi presence at this demonstration. Please contact us for further details.

### One Final Request

A great deal of enthusiasm and comraderie was built up among all of us before and during the May dharna. This kind of joint action is going to be desperately needed in the months to come. As you can see from the above 'sample' of events and actions, everyone's expertise and experience will be valuable.

Joint action requires regular meetings, which most of us are averse to. Unfortunately we cannot do without them. Nor is it possible to work together effectively if participants are sporadic in their presence at these meetings. So I would request your regular presence for at least the next few weeks and months, during which the Narmada issue is going to reach a critical and decisive stage.

With best wishes,

(Farhad Vania)

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on behalf of Narmada Bachao Andolan - Delhi C17/A Munirka, New Delhi - 110 067

## ISSUES WHICH NEED TO BE EXAMINED AS PART OF A REVIEW OF THE SARDAR SARDVAR PROJECT

### 1. The decision-making process

Tribunal Award --- basis and justifiability of award provisions, changed data base, implementation and violation of conditions World Bank Agreement --- basis and comprehensiveness of WB appraisal, violation of conditions

Central Government Clearances --- conditional nature, violation of environment, forest, and Planning Commission clearances, feasibility of meeting conditions

Alternatives --- possibilities, lack of investigation

### 2. Displacement

Impacts and nature of displacement
Definition of Project-affected
Scale of displacement
Policy of Resettlement and Rehabilitation (including Land Acquisition Act, Tribunal Award, GOG Resolutions, and World Bank Agreement)
Plan for Resettlement and Rehabilitation (including present status, time schedules, and feasibility of plan)
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R&R structures, experiences (both in SSP and other projects), processes
Monitoring and evaluation
The potential submergence in June 1990

### 3. Environmental Aspects

Nature and scale of environmental impacts
Adequacy of Environmental Impact Assessments
Completion of various studies
Violation of environmental and forest clearance conditions, and of related Planning Commission conditions

### 4. Economic and Financial Aspects

Comprehensiveness of Benefit-cost Analysis Impact of cost escalations Claimed and actual benefits Impact of reduced water flow Planning Commission B-C ratio stipulation Availability of finances Debt trap

### 5. Distributive Justice Aspects

Justifiability of proposed cropping pattern
Distribution of benefits among regions and classes of Gujarat

Dear Farhad Varia ad Astrish Kothan' Greelings. mis is in reply to te cirular fon NBA dt. June 6. I vecognise tre urgency of your communication on in view 2 te ongoing talk into the autorities, work has to be done immedsately. There To discuss whatever modera ad small centribution I may be capable of making, can We meet some day and discuss tuis issul. Manh frankt dush grod wisher, Romand Brand 331

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7.6.1990

Dear Ashish.

I received this afternoon your letter of invitation to the Marmada meeting at the Indian Social Institute scheduled for June 1, 1990. Could you please check to see whether you have the correct address? The letter was signed by Farhad Vania.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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(Thomas Mathew) Secretary General

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Mr. Ashish Kothari Narmada Bachao Andolan - Delhi 1, Court Road Delhi - 110 054

Dear Ashish.

Many thanks for sending your circular letter dated 6.6.1990 on behalf of Narmada Bachao Andolan, C-17/A Munirka, N. Lelhi-67.

You can cound on whatever help is possible. To make this more effective and meaningful, I would be happy to be involved in your plan meetings.

With best regards,

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Sincerely yours,

A.T. Dudani, Ph.D. (Iowa State Univ.)

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# The Ozone Layer, Global Warming and Our Health

-- Dr A.T. DUDANI

he world over there is increasing concern over the impending global changes in climate. It is feared that these will seriously affect life throughout the world. These changes appear to be approaching much faster than originally postulated.

The changes arise from human activities and seem to surpass
Nature as an agent of change. They fall under three broad categories:

- \* Warming of global climate due to the wide use of fossil fuels including large scale use of tropical forests as fuel and other industrial activities leading to the greenhouse effect.
- \* Massive ozone depletion mainly over the Antartic (ozone hole) and lesser decreases over the rest of the globe. More recently, this has also been noticed over the Arctic, and is attributed largely to chlorofluorourbons (CFCs) seriously threatening human health. And acid deposition from fossil fuel combustion.

### Climate warming

What is the Greenhouse Effect? In the same way as the glass in a greenhouse does, carbon dioxide and certain other gases (methane, nitrous oxide and CFCs) trap some of the heat radiated from the earth and prevent its escape into space. The overall effect of these gases is

calculated to increase earth's surface temperature by between 1.5 and 4.5 degrees centigrade by the year 2050, with increases of upto 10 degrees centigrade in some seasons at high altitudes, 60 degrees or more North or South of the Equator (e.g. Canada, Scandinavia). This is against an observed increase of about 0.7 degrees centigrade in the past century. Thus, winters would be shorter and wetter, summers longer and drier. These changes are expected to have major effects on agriculture and eco-systems.

The oceans are expected to warm and expand, leading to sea level rises threatening low-lying habitation. The drought in 1988 in the USA, which reduced grain production by a quarter is attributed by some scientists to the warming phenomenon and as the first serious danger signal.

Increased levels of carbon dioxide CO<sub>2</sub> might help the growth of some crops, but it will also help weeds and pests, resulting in lower yields. Changes in rainfall and temperature patterns are likely to affect staple foods like maize, millet, sorghum and sugarcane. Subsistence farming is likely to suffer the most. Poverty and hunger could become more severe, affecting the health and nutrition of entire nations. Direct and indirect occurrence of climate changes such as increased air and water pollution, spread of

tropical disease vectors and decreased fuelwood is bound to have important consequences for human health.

Since the turn of the century, sea levels have gone up by about 10 cms. These could go up from 20 cm. to 1.5 metres by the middle of the 21st century, leading to inundation, flooding and inland penetration of water systems, affecting some 50 million people in places like Egypt, Bangladesh, Maldives and some of Asia's best rice-growing areas in river deltas by the year 2050.

### Ozone depletion

Ozone is naturally present in the stratosphere due to the interaction of sunlight with oxygen. Even though present in small concentrations, it blocks out solar ultraviolet (U.V.) irradiation which is highly dangerous to human health. It was in 1982 that measurements of ozone by a British team over Halley Bay showed thinning of ozone over Antarctica. It has since been confirmed that every spring, virtually all the ozone, in a region as big as the U.S.A. and as deep as Mount Everest, disappears from the atmosphere over Antarctica. It has also been established that these changes are caused by CFCs (synthetic chemicals widely used in aerosols, refrigerators etc.) which contain chlorine in the form of

chloring monoxide. This is further confirmed from the absence of CFCs where ozone has been destroyed. Studies now also show that ozone concentration is declining by nearly half a percent per year.

If ozone continues to be destroyed into the 21st century, we should expect more solar U.V. to reach the ground, leading to a direct, damaging effect on people, crops, forests and wildlife.

It has been estimated by WHO that depending on the release of CFCs in the stratosphere, a one per cent depletion of the ozone layer will increase skin cancers (non-melanoma) by three per cent, while a five per cent ozone depletion would increase these cases by 16 per cent -- leading to about 200,000 new skin cancer patients a year. An increase in UVB irradiation would also probably increase the incidence of melanoma, the most dangerous and lethal skin cancer. Apart from the effects on skin, possible damage to the immune system of humans and eye cataracts are anticipated.

Effects on plants are poorly understood but there are causes for concern. Likewise, adverse effects on food chains in the oceans, with ultimate effects on fish harvests as well as agricultural crops and natural systems are likely, although these have not yet been clearly assessed. Experiments have however shown that about two thirds of 200 species of crops were sensitive to UV radiation.

Soybean seeds, for instance, showed a 10 per cent decrease in their protein and oil content when exposed to UV levels, simulating a 25 per cent ozone depletion.

#### Over the past 300 years, as a result of human activity, concentrations of the Estimated contribution to global warming of main greenhouse gases in the 1980s.3 main greenhouse gases have increased significantly. There are strong indications that global warming has already begun as 50% 18% a result. In the last 90 years the earth has warmed by Chlorofluorocarbons about half a degree centigrade. That may not 1070 sound like much - but a small change can make a big difference. Our average global temperature STATE OF THE STATE OF (mostly is only 5°C warmer today than during the last ice age 13,000 years ago.5 The present global surface temperature is

### Acid deposition

1950 to 1980.

Fossil fuel combustion in power plants and in autos produces oxides of sulphur and nitrogen which are converted to acids in the atmosphere and transported over long distances away from the country of origin. These reduce not only the visibility but also lead to deposition of acids, leading to pollution and damage of soil, water, forests, animals and fisheries. These "acid rains" also corrode buildings, metallic structure and even historical monuments.

about 0.4°C higher than the mean value from

record; the warmest years this century were (in order) 1988, 1987, 1983, 1981, 1980 and 1986.6

The 1980s were the warmest decade on

It will however be seen that the greenhouse effect, the ozone depletion (as also the Acid Deposition) are all closely interrelated and need to be viewed and tackled in that manner. For example, CFCs which destroy ozone are also greenhouse gases; burning of fossil fuels contributes both to acid rain and climate changes.

Another aspect of the changing climate is increased concentration of ozone at ground levels, resulting

from reactions between nitrogen oxides, hydrocarbons and sunlight. Ground level ozone has also been implicated in human health problems and significant crop and forest tree losses. Ozone in the lower atmosphere also acts as a greenhouse gas, thereby influencing the role of other greenhouse gases also. We have created not only enough nuclear weapons to destroy life on earth four times over, but also contaminated the environment with lethal nuclear waste, sufficient to last another 10,000 years. The destruction of the environment, leading to global climate changes, is perhaps a far more imminent threat than the nuclear holocaust. Perhaps it is time to pause, think and reflect as time is fast running out and the perils for humanity are far too staggering.

-- Dr A.T. Dudani is a consultant to VHAI. His work focusses on the issues of pesticides, food irradiation and processed foods.

This phase of the struggle urgently needs the support of people from all walks of life. As an eminent member of the community, your support will be especially critical. It is only with such collective action that the movement towards genuine development will be successful. We request you to sign the enclosed Appeal to the Nation, and thereby express your support. We would also greatly value your personal presence at the Sangharsh Yatra. Further details can be obtained from the addresses given below.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,

(ASHISH KOTHARI) on behalf of Narmada Bachao Andolan C/17A Munirka, New Delhi - 110067.

Contact Addresses for the Sangharsh Yatra:

Narmada Bachao Andolan

- 1. Post Box 52, Dhule, Maharashtra-424001 (Phone #: 20410)
- 2. 58 Gandhi Marg, Badwani, M.P.-451551
- 3. E 1/208, Arera Cclony, Bhopal-400016 (Phone #: 61380)

Dear

· The Sangharsh Yatra is estimated to cost about Rs. 2 lakhs. The Narmada Bachao Andolan is urgently in need of funds. If you would like to contribute money towards the Sangharsh Yatra, kindly make out your cheques/drafts to "Kalpavriksh" and mail them to: C-17/A, Munirka, New Delhi-110067.

Thanking you, alulle-

(Rahul N Ram)

On behalf of the Narmada Bachao Andolan, Delhi

### Some Special Facts on Sardar Sarovar Project (SSP)

- 1. The cost estimate of the Project has almost doubled from what was approved by the Planning Commission in October 1988, from Rs. 6,100 crores to Rs.11,154 crores (estimated by C.C. Patel and Associates in August 1990. C.C. Patel is now the Chairman of the Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Ltd.)
- 2. Though SSP will displace people in 3 states Gujarat, M.P., and Maharashtra these states have widely divergent rehabilitation policies. None of the states have identified adequate land for rehabilitation, and M.P., where 80% of the displacement will take place, admits to having very little land for resettlement (Seventh meeting of the Narmada Control Authority, Environment sub-group, December, 1989).
- 3. The seriously incomplete nature of environmental studies and workplans has recently been noted by the Narmada Control Authority Sub-Committee on Environment. The Union Ministry of Environment and Forests has warned the Government of Gujarat, that since many of the conditions imposed on it as a part of the clearance in 1987 have not yet been met, it may have to seek fresh environmental clearance (Narmada Control Authority, Environmental sub-group, Agenda for 9th Meeting, 7.9.90).
- 4. The Planning Commission Member in charge of Environment has categorically stated that the clearance given by it in October 1988 has lapsed due to non-fulfilment of conditions (Times of India, 22.5.90).
- 5. Many of the time-bound conditions imposed by the World Bank have been repeatedly left unfulfilled. Despite this, the deadline for complying with these conditions has been extended 4 times by the Bank. The Bank's decision on this is expected after its final appraisal on July 1, 1991.
- 6. Taking its cue from the problems related to SSP, the World Bank has struck off the associated Narmada Sagar Project from its list of potential credit-worthy projects (Statement by World Bank Director for India, Mr. Heinz Vergin, 15.6.90). Hiding this from the public, the Gujarat Government has in fact tried to mislead the public by masquerading the Bank's earlier approval to Sardar Sarovar, as a "fresh approval" in 1990.
- 7. The Japanese Government has withdrawn funding from the Sardar Sarovar Project for a year, quoting social and environmental costs as the reason for withdrawing from the project (The Statesman, 31.5.90). The Japanese Government called the World Bank's assessment of the project completely inadequate and lacking proper analysis of the tremendous social and environmental impacts associated with the project (International Rivers Network Newsletter, May, 1990).

A partial list of organizations that are members of or supporting the Narmada Bachao Andolan.

### INDIAN ORGANISATIONS

Alternate Communication Forum, Delhi Campaign Against Indira Sagar, Harsud Development Alternatives, Delhi Eklavya, Hoshangabad/Bhopal/Dewas Energy and Environment Group, Delhi Forum for People Oriented Water Utilization, Bombay Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), Delhi Indian Social Institute, Delhi Jan Seva Mandal, Nandurbar Kalpavriksh, Delhi Kashtakari Sanghatana, Dahanu Khedut Mazdoor Chetna Sangh, Attha Kisan Adivasi Sanghatana, Hoshangabad/Kesla Lokayan, Delhi Multiple Action and Research Group (MARG), Delhi Narmada Bachao Andolan, Bombay/Pune/Nasik/Aurangabad Narmada Dharangrasth Samiti, Dhule Narmada Ghati Navnirman Samiti, Badwani Narmada Navnirman Sahyog Samooh, Indore Narmada Sagar Sangharsh Samiti, Harsud/Hoshangabad National Campaign for Housing Rights, Delhi Nishant Natya Manch, Delhi Parisar, Bombay/Pune Sahyog, Delhi Tawa Bandh Visthapith, Hoshangabad Young INTACH, Delhi

### FOREIGN ORGANISATIONS

African Studies and Research Centre, Swaziland Amnesty International Cultural Survival, USA Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), USA Food First Information and Action Network, FRG Friends of the Earth (FOE), USA/Japan/Brazil Greenpeace, USA International Rivers Network, USA Miljoto-bundet, Sweden Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), USA National Wildlife Federation, USA Rainforest Action Network, USA Rainforest Information Center, Australia Svalorna, Sweden Tanzania Environmental Society, Tanzania The Ecologist, U.K. Youth and Environment Europe, FRG

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June 15, 1990

Dear falled.

I am sorry I could not respond to your letter of June 6, earlier but I was glad to learn from its contents that you have worked out a detailed programme to continue the crusade against the Narmada Dam.

As you know, we have through Vijay Paranjpye completed a comprehensive study of the Narmada River Valley Projects, the first few copies of which are expected to be received from the press in the first week of July or so. As soon as we receive the first few copies I shall be sure to send one copy to Ashish Kothari and one to Medha Patkar. More copies can be sent later as soon as we receive a bulk consignment from the press later in July.

Vijay Paranjpye was our Chief Consultant for this study and I note that he is already an invitee to the experts meeting on June 17 at Bhopal. He has confirmed that he will be attending this meeting on both our and his own behalf.

I am proceeding to England for a month early tomorrow morning and will, regretfully, miss out on the important actions taking place on this critically important crusade for stopping destruction of Narmada. My colleague, Ms. Usha Venugopal, will be taking care of the office and you may kindly contact her for any further support on our part for all your excellent efforts.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(N.D. JAYAL)

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1990-06-16

Dear Farhad:

Thank you for your letter of June 6, which my colleagues and I read very carefully.

Unfortunately, by the time it reached us, it was a little too late to be able to organise any one for the Bhopal meeting, and we were therefore unable to take part in that.

I agree entirely with you that next steps on the Narmada require solid specialised input, and we are going to have identified people who have both these expertise and inclination to work on these issues.

We continue to support action on Narmada. Unfortunately, with the relatively over-committed staff that we have, everyone is normally out in the field, as they are now, and this makes it difficult for us sometimes to take full part we would like to in the meetings.

Nevertheless, since there are a sufficient number of people interested in this effort, our absence is probably not that much of a problem.

Please do keep us informed of future events.

With my best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Farhad Vania Narmada Bachao Andolan - Delhi C-17/A Munirka New Delhi-110 067.

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## Invitation to Join Dhama

TRIBALS AND PEASANTS FROM THE NARMADA VALLEY ARRIVING IN DELHI TO DELIVER ULTIMATUM TO COVERNMENT

The controversy surrounding the Narmada Valley Development Project has now reached a critical stage. In the past few feeks there have been declarations from Chief Ministers of two of the three concerned States as well as major demonstrations organised by the popular movement of dissent against the Project. Some of the significant events:

6th March: Declaration of outright opposition against the Narmada Valley Development Project in general and the Sardar Sarovar Project (SSP) in particular, by the Narmada Bachao Andolan.

7th March: Chief Minister of M.P. states that he will seek a complete reappraisal of SSP by the Centre while initiating a similar exercise at the State level himself.

29th March: Dharna and hunger strike started by members of the Narmada Dharangrastha Samiti in Bombay.

6th April: Chief Minister of Maharashtra announces that adequate land for resettlement will be identified and a plan for rehabilitation for the Maharashtra oustees of SSP will be drawn up by the State Government.

6th April: A peaceful demonstration is broken up in Badwani and Alirajpur, M.P. using mounted police. Many of the demonstrators lathicharged.

During the course of the next week there are going to be a series of events both by the government and the Narmada Bachao Andolan in Delhi.

16th April: Nearly 200 tribals, peasants and others from the Narmada Valley will be joined by representatives of social, environmental, human rights' and women's organisations at a dharma at Delhi Boat Club lawns starting at 2.00 p.m., which will continue till 19th April.

17th April: The Rehabilitation Sub-Group of the Narmada Control Authority is meeting.

19th April: A "Joint Review Council" meeting on Narmada, of Chief Ministers of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh with the Minister of State for Water Resources is scheduled to take place.

20th April: A Press Conference will be held at 11.00 a.m. at Gandhi Peace Foundation, 221 Deendayal Upadhyay Marg, New Delhi - 110002 to announce the next phase of the agitation.

We urge you to join the dharma at Boat Club, preferably for the entire day on the 19th. Your support and solidarity are urgently required.

### Issued on behalf of:

Narmada Bachao Andolan - Delhi, C-17/A Munirka, New Delhi - 110 067

Narmada Ghati Navnirman Samiti, M.P. Narmada Dharangrasth Samiti, Maharashtra Narmada Asargrasth Samiti, Gujarat 11. 11.17

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Dear Sir,

I have received "The Narmada Valley Project, A Critique" and addresses of Anil Aggardal and Sunitha Narain.
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Sincerely yours,

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NBA Meeting: Sept-1, 1990

1. Gujarat Sanvad Yatra

Meeting at A'bad, 24-25th Aug., decided that yatra is not possible, may not be desirable, as: ground support weak, local NGOs not properly consulted on yatra, logistics difficult Instead, to have series of public meetings / dialogues at various centres — same dates.

2. 28th Sept. programme

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Yes (v-tentatively!).

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October 15, 1990

Dead Sunil Roy

As you may be aware the Government of India passed a New National Forest Policy in 1988. However the policy felt short of the expectations of individuals and organisations working in forestry, and with communities having a close relationship with the forests.

In the circumstances we fall it is important to urge the government to replace the 1988 policy with a forest policy in tune with peoples needs.

A preliminary draft prepared by a group of us in Delhi is enclosed for your comments.

This draft is a rewarking of a draft policy prepared for the Department of Environment by Prof. Madhav Gadgil and others.

While this offert is much mera suited to the country's needs then the present National Forest Policy, it can be considerably improved upon. We would be grateful for your comments on this draft so that its focus can be sharpened and weaknesses removed.

Also it would be extrumely useful if you could circulate this draft to other individuals/groups who you feel would be in a position to commune an this. You could also send us names and addresses of those who have relevant experience in this field and whom we should be in touch with.

Please write in C/O the above address at your earliest, not later than November 15, 1990.

Thanking you, with rugards,

(on behalf of the Informal Consultative Committee on Environment at IIPA)

Plans in Valley /outside - Non-cooperation w. Govt. - Census, surveys, etc. - Constructive work - Andolan - caste issues
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ENVIRONATENTAL ACTION GROUP

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October 25, 1990

Dear friends,

#### 'SANGHARSH YATRA' 1N NARMADA VALLEY

As you will perhaps be aware, there has recently been a wave of police repression in the Narmada Valley, directed against villagers and activists involved in the Narmada Bachao Andolan. Breaking up peaceful demonstrations with the use of mounted police, beating up of activists and villagers, arrests and imprisonment, levelling of visibly false charges, searching of villagers' houses without any prior warning, abusive language directed especially against women, and a series of other repressive measures, since April this year, have been the government's only response to the growing movement in the Valley. Since repeated attempts at carrying out a serious dialogue with the government have failed, and the dam is reaching a critical stage of construction, the people in the Valley have decided to launch what they consider a decisive phase in their agitation. This phase will not end until the government meets at least the minimum demand for review of the project and a stay on the construction pending such a review.

The first major step in this last phase is crucial. Starting December 25, a large column of people is going to move through the Valley towards the SSP dam site, with the aim of physically stopping construction work. At least 10,000 people are expected to take part (it could have been far more but for the logistical difficulties which would arise). This includes members from a large number of other mass struggles elsewhere in the country, as also representatives of social action, environmental, human rights and other such groups. Tentative feelers for this have already been sent to many organisations, who have responded enthusiastically.

As always, support groups/individuals of the Narmada agitation based in Delhi need to play a major role. Some representatives from Delhi recently attended a planning meeting for this purpose, held at Bhopal on Oct. 21-23, 1990. Detailed discussions took place, at which the following specific tasks and responsibilities emerged for Delhi:

(a) Mobilisation of students, academics, scientists, lawyers, artists, trade unionists, environmentalists, social activists, and a range of other people and organisations, to participate in the rally, or express support in some other way.

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- (b) Convincing a large number of eminent people, including MPs, to sign a letter in support of the Sangharsh Yatra and if possible, to join the Yatra itself.
- (c) Ensuring adequate press coverage of the Yatra, including journals and the electronic media. In addition, sending a team of journalists to investigate the continuous repression of Narmada activists, may also be desirable. This could be done in November.
- (d) Getting volunteers to stay in the Valley for a substantial number of days, especially during the last 3-4 weeks before the event.
- (e) Contributing appropriate posters in large numbers.
- (f) Raising funds for arrangements at the Yatra, which will cost an estimated Rs. 2.20 lakhs. Can Delhi raise, say, Rs. 20,0007 Or contribute materially to reduce the expenditure, e.g. by making available a vehicle before and during the Yatra? One suggestion is to get about 100 people across the country to donate Rs. 100 each.

The people of the Narmada Valley are convinced, and justifiably so, that neither the state nor central governments are willing to listen to reason. They are therefore ready to pit themselves against the might of the state in a head-on confrontation. This event is likely to be the most serious, potentially the most explosive, in the history of the movement. It is nearly certain that the state governments will use force, repression, and violence to break up the Yatra. It is therefore all the more critical that support groups from outside stand by them in this phase. Many of us have had differences of opinion regarding strategies and aims of the movement, but the gross violation of human and ecological rights that the Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh governments is involved in can only be fought in a united manner.

A meeting to discuss the Sangharsh Yatra, and Delhi's role in it, is being held:

AT: World Wildlife Fund, 172-B, Lodhl Estate, New Delhi - 110 003

ON: 3ist October, 1990 (Wednesday)

AT: 4.00 PM

Please also inform all the others you feel would be interested in attending this meeting, and do come.

In solidarity,

(FARHAD VANIA)

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Narmada Bachao Andolan - Delhi

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP

13 November, 1990

Dear

You are aware of the struggle going on in the Narmada Valley. For the last few years, the people of the Valley have been opposing the massive displacement, environmental damage, and economic shortsightedness entailed in the Sardar Sarovar (Narmada) Project (SSP). Hundreds of individuals and groups working on human rights and environmental issues around the country have joined or supported the struggle.

The movement against SSP is now at its most critical phase. Though only 10% of the work on the Project is complete, the Government of Gujarat is pressing ahead at full speed. Simultaneously many of the issues raised by the movement are being voiced openly or in closed sessions and secret documents, by official agencies themselves.

It is worth noting that repeated attempts by the movement to enter into a serious dialogue with the authorities have met with a cold response. Even ex-Prime Minister V.P. Singh's promise of comprehensive discussions, made after a 4-day dharna by 1500 tribals and peasants in Delhi, has been left unfulfilled. On the other hand the misinformation campaign of the project authorities has been stepped up, making grossly exaggerated claims regarding SSP and branding the people's movement as "foreign-incited" and "anti-national". The Madhya Pradesh Government is attempting to break the movement by repression - in the last few months peaceful demonstrations have been lathi-charged, activists arrested on false charges, and villagers constantly terrorised by the police. All these events have only strengthened the resolve of the Valley's people. They feel now that they must move into the final phase of the agitation, a phase which will last until the authorities give a definite response to the demand to stop work on the dam, till a complete reassessment is done. Simultaneously movements, organisations, and individuals all over India are taking the Narmada struggle to be symbolic of similar struggles elsewhere, and representative of a movement against 'destructive development'.

The next major step is a <u>Sangharsh</u> <u>Yatra</u> in the Valley. Starting December 24th, potential oustees of <u>SSP</u>, activists, and representatives of similar movements from various parts of India, will take a pledge at Rajghat, Badwani (Madhya Pradesh), and march to the SSP dam site. They will offer Satyagraha at the site, and continue till the authorities give an acceptable response.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP

24/11/90

Dear friends,

#### THE SANGHARSH YATRA IS ON

As you are probably aware, a "Sangharsh Yatra" is being organized in the Narmada Valley. The Yatra will start from Rajghat (near Badwani) on the 25th of December and proceed towards the Sardar Sarovar dam site. The aim of the Yatra is to physically stop work at the dam site till the Government agrees to a complete review of the Sardar Sarovar Project.

About 10,000people are expected to participate in the Yatra, including about 1000 people from similar mass struggles elsewhere in India, and representatives from social action, environmental, human rights and other such groups.

Specific help is required from Delhi. Kindly contact us immediately if you can help/participate in any of the following ways:

- a) Collect funds for the Yatra: Cheques/draft should be made out to "Kalpavriksh" and mailed to C-17/A Munirka, New Delhi-67, or given to Ashish, Bingo or Rahul.
- b) Obtain signatures from eminent people on an "Appeal to the Nation" that supports the Yatra and calls for a review of the project. Copies of this appeal and the covering letter are with us and will be sent to you if you let us know immediately.
- c) Join the Yatra. If you wish you participate in this event or know/can persuade others to do so, kindly contact us as soon as possible since we need to know how many people will be coming. People joining need to reach Badwani latest by 24th December.
- d) Join in volunteer work in the valley helping to organize the Yatra. Volunteers are needed from:
- i) 5-30 December these people should have had some minimal experience with similar mass events
- ii) 15-30 December Anybody willing to work. Again, get in touch with us pronto.
- e) Contribute material support or persuade others to provide material support: 2-3 person tents, sound systems (not stereos!), free photocopying, stationery, file covers, mailing costs, vehicles etc.

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- f) Participate in events proposed to be held in Delhi while the Yatra is on. Demonstrations in front of the President and at the Water Resources Ministry are planned.
- g) Help in media networking in Delhi As messages keep coming in from the valley during the Yatra we need to organize press releases and meetings, issue statements and appeals to release arrested people etc.

Again, the urgency of a quick response cannot be understated. We need to have most of these tasks completely planned out/executed by 30th Nov., when a big planning meeting will be held in the valley.

In solidarity,

(Farhad Vania)

On behalf of the NARMADA BACHAO ANDOLAN - DELHI C - 17/A, Munirka, New Delhi - 110067

How to get to Badwani Malwa express to Indore, bus to Badwani. Any train to Bhopal, bus/train to Indore, bus to Badwani. On reaching Badwani, go to 58 Mahatma Gandhi Road, Badwani - 451551



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Dear friends,

## SANGHARSH YATRA: FINAL DETAILS

This is a follow-up of our letter dated 24 Nov. 1990. The precise details of the Sanghaush Yatra in the Narmada Valley have been finalised, and are attached.

We need to immediately know the following from you: (A) How many of your members /acquaintances will be joining the Yatra, separately on 25th, and 29th (pl. see attached note).

(b) How many, if any, of your members /acquaintances can go a few days before the Yatra, to help in organisational work. Volunteers are organisational onwards, at Badwani.

(c) What material suppost (small tents, sound systems, vehicles, medicines, stationery, etc.) you can provide immediately.

URGENT! The Vatra is still desperately shoot of funds - please help!

A press Conference on the Yatra is planned for 17th Dec. in Delhivenue/time to be fixed. Details on request.

It is costly & time-consuming for us to keep issuing these circulars, and very discouraging to I receive no response! Pl. get back to us quickly, even if to say you can't participate.

(ASHISH KOTHARI)

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# नर्मदा संवर्ष यात्रा - २५ हिसंबर - कैसे पहुँचना है

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२५ दिसंबर '९० को राजचाट (बड़वानी से ४ कि.मी.) से नर्मदा घाटी के बड़े-बूढ़े और बच्चे घर-घर से सरदार सरोवर बाँध पर जाने के लिए अपने जीवन की सबसे महत्वपूर्ण संघर्ष यात्रा पर चलने वाले हैं।

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# २५ विसम्बर्

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#### 26 दिसम्बर्

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यातः ११०० भारा से नानाप्र तन

भरभागः १२:00 - स्वागत स्व समा

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पातः १०:00 - अद्यमनी से आलिशनपुर तज पातः १०:00 - पदमाना (८ कि. मी.)

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शिंत विभाग वेतहाटा में

३१ दिसञ्बर

भह्यात् १२:00 व्यक्तिकार्य से होटा उपपपुर तन

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K. Jagdish, DA

Meghnath, CF

Niti Anaud, CEC

K. P. Sasi, ALCOM

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- जिला खरगीन, म.प्र., पहुँचने के लिए आप इंदौर तक रेल से आ सकते हैं और वहाँ से बस में (६ चंटे का रास्ता) बड़वानी तक आ सकते हैं। बड़वानी में सम्पर्क करें: नर्मदा चाटी नवनिर्माण समिति उप कार्यालय, प्रमहात्मा गांधी मार्ग.
  - या . फिर बंबई बड़ोरा दिल्ली रेलमार्ग पर **हाहीर** उतर सकते हैं। वहाँ से बड़वानी के लिस शाम पूबने तक बड़वानी के लिस बस मिलेगी (सफ़र ६ चंटे)।
- या खण्डवा से बड़वानी बस में (६ घंटे का सफ़र)।
- यात्रा के दौरान आप २६ दिसंबर को भी जुड़ सकते हैं। २६ दिसंबर की दिल्ली-बंबई रेलमार्ग पर सुबह से शाम तक मेचनगर में आपके लिए ट्रक खड़ा रहेगा। मेजनगर पहुँचने के लिए आप दिल्ली-बंबई जनता /डीतक्स, भीपाल/रामकोट एक्सप्रेस आदि ट्रेन से आ सकते हैं।
- होगी.
- आप के संघठन के बैनर, पर्चे, फिल्म-स्लाइड आदि साथ लारें। आप के साथ खाना का कृष्या माल ला सकेंगे तो अच्छा रहेगा। संघर्ष यात्रा के बारे में तुरंत सूचना है: कितने लोग आरहें हैं, कब पहुँचेंगे, कहाँ, इत्यादि:

नर्महा बचाओ आंदोलन पौ. बाक्स. ५२ धुके महाराष्ट्र ४२४००१. भारा से नामप्र तक प्राप्ता (४ दिली)

भर्माम १५:00 - स्वागत एव समा

संग्र ४:00. - जान्पर से लखमणी व्रव्

Cमरबम्बा में शाले- विश्वाम

## ३१ दिसम्बर

प्रातः १०:०० - अस्तमनी से आंतराजपूर तज

भीका विना भे अतमरामा, भाहर को श्वान वाले कारतों में परिवम्हीतालाकि।

# ३० दिसम्बर

भावा ८:00 कोरखड़ की देवहारा वेक मधामा १२:00 पदमाला (१३ कि.मी.)

शित विश्राम वेतहाटा में

## ३१ दिसम्बर

भहणाह १२:00 व्याता (१६० तिमी)

# ज्ञा-विकास संघर्ष-यात्रा कार्यक्रम : २५ दिहालरस

## २५ विस्मम्बर्

प्रातः १०:०० → शनहाट पर एकत भागः १०:०० → शनहाट पर आपार आहि भाग ३:०० कार्धमा

साम ३:00 से :-- राजाचाट की निरास्पुर तका भोग ६:00 प्रामाला (१० फि.मी.)

निसरपुर मे शली विश्राम

#### 2६ दिसम्बर

भें निस्तरपुर भी तुसी तक पदमावा (१२ कि.भी)

भह्यांतिश्वः ४० - व्यक्ती में आम समा

साम ३:00 कुशी से सिलाकुलां सोम ४:00 सोम ४:00 सिलाकुला में शाली विश्वाम

#### 26 दिसम्बर्

भातः १०:00 सिलामुं से अस्तिया तन प्रातः १०:00

साम १२:00 के किया के काटा टका से परअक्ता (धार्क हो.) संगा ४:00 फारा में आमसमा हेत दाती विश्वाम