

## **Core Objectives of the Watershed Development Programme**

- In situ conservation of soil moisture and top soil.
- Rainwater harvesting and drainage of excess water.
- Providing supplementary irrigation and regeneration of soil fertility.
- Improved agricultural productivity through use of conserved soil moisture, growing alternative crops and changing cropping pattern.
- Judicious use of natural resources (such as land, water, plants, animals, etc.) for creating livelihood opportunities for people living within a watershed area.
- Developing micro-watersheds in a comprehensive manner so as to create adequate and sustainable livelihood opportunities for the inhabitants of that area.
- Catalyze the formation of village groups for regeneration of their degraded environment through participatory self-help initiatives.
- Strengthen people's movement for sustainable economic development.