

CONCLUSION

When the watershed management work was first started in the area, the K.V.K. team did not get the full co-operation of the local people. However, after seeing the results of the treatment in Patni village, Kanpur village and Deolaha village (that was started in the first phase), the villagers of the area understood that this project was extremely beneficial for them, and co-operated fully with the K.V.K. for its implementation.

The economic impact of the programme has been such that villages in the block have now started watershed programs on their own, without waiting for any assistance from the K.V.K. or Governmental agencies. After observing the impact of the watershed treatment on productivity of crops in Patni village, the villagers from a neighbouring village, Patna Kalan (6 km from Patni), came to the K.V.K. scientists, and with only their guidance, implemented watershed treatment work in their village. A village in the opposite direction called Parewa, 16 km from Patna Kalan and 10 km from Patni then, on their own initiative — and without any help from the K.V.K. — implemented watershed treatment work in their village. This was only possible because the work carried out in Patni village was on the basis of sustainable and replicable development.



A rehabilitated hillside at Deolaha.