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CULTURE-RELATED FACILITIES IN INDIAN VILLAGES

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More than three-fourths of India's population lives in villages. The development of the country, therefore, cannot be thought of in isolation of the living conditions of its rural masses. Obviously, the growth of infrastructural facilities in villages has an impact on the development process in rural areas. Information on the availability of various facilities in villages is, thus, crucial for planning and research purposes.

The National Sample Survey Organisation in its endeavour to provide information on various indicators of socio-economic development, has collected data on 'village facilities' in some of its past rounds. Such information was also collected by the NSSO in its 44th Round during July '88 to June '89 for areas where the concentration of scheduled tribe population was relatively high. During the 47th round (July-December, 1991) survey, the NSSO again collected information on specific infrastructural and organisational facilities relating to education and cultural activities in the Indian villages, besides data on other socio-economic parameters. The present report contains the main findings on educational and cultural facilities currently available to rural masses.

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I hope that the present report will serve as a helpful reference document to planners and policy makers working in the area of social development.

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