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An Operational Research Project was undertaken at Fakot in the Tehri-Garhwal hills to find out some answers to rural vexing problems of the hills on the basis of integrated watershed management. The results show that on various activities (excluding overheads and establishment), a sum of Rs. 2,42,110 had been spent during 1975-82. This generated an additional income of Rs. 21,000 annually in the area besides adding

2600 and 2200 profitable fuel-wood and fruit trees in the ORP area. During the project period, nearly 18,000 mandays of direct employment were generated and soil erosion problems of the area controlled to a considerable extent. These are all reasonably good achievements. The authors have attempted to analyse the causes of slow pace in the ORP. It has been concluded that hill areas have many problems, relatively more complex than in those of the plains. Apart from their remoteness and other physical factors. The sociological aspects demand special attention of the development agencies in these areas. The development of appropriate technologies for the hills, the participation of the people and the state agencies are key elements of a successful programme of this nature.