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The usual practice of cultivation in the Garhwal Himalayas is to construct outwardly sloping rainfed bench terraces resulting in considerable soil and nutrient losses. Three methods of renovating such benches have been tried, i) Conventional method by complete levelling; ii) Shoulder bunding with minor levelling; and iii) Shoulder bunding (earthen/stone-cum-earth) alone. Shoulder bunding was found cost effective and the levelled terraces thus made within a duration of 3 years can be made productive with application of improved cultivation practices and irrigation.