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The paper describes various facets of Operational Research Project, Sukhomajri taken up in a most backward area of Shiwalik foothill region of Haryana. The benefits which accrued to the people from rainwater harvesting have been highlighted. It was suggested that for development of backward rural areas, integrated watershed management approach should be adopted on massive scale. The funds provided for drought and

flood control should be diverted to such programmes to usher in an era of plenty. It is suggested that once the programmes are tailored to the dire needs of the local people. they become agents of protection and willingly participate in the development oriented programmes. The technology developed in the Operational Research Project, Sukhomairi

was taken to many adjoining villages and proved equally effective