

UNIT – II PEOPLE AS RESOURCE

NOTES

- > India is the second most populated country in the world
- The information related to the number of people living in a country at a specific point of time is collected through the Census.
- Besides counting the number of person, Census also collects many other details of social and economic life of the people.
- Census is conducted every ten years in independent India since 1951.
- > India's population is increasing rapidly and it crossed 102.70 crores in 2001.
- The size of population in a country is determined by three factors, namely, the Birth Rate, the Death Rate and Migration.
- High Birth Rate and Low Death Rate due to improvement in public health measures and progress in medical sciences is the main reason for high growth rate of India's population.
- > Migration from outside the country also enhanced population growth.
- Rural to urban migration for better employment opportunities and better education is a common phenomenon in India.
- Population explosion resulted in the increase of widespread poverty, malnutrition, ill-health, environmental pollution, shortage of basic amenities and all sorts of ills in society.
- However, our large population can be converted into vast pool of human resources by providing them good education, training and health care.
- > People who are well educated and healthy are known as human resources.
- > Illiterate and sick people are treated as burden to society.



- Our country is launching various programmes for ensuring free and compulsory education for all children.
- Only educated, well trained and healthy people can work longer without break, earn more and contribute more to the economic growth of our country.
- > There are two essential things for good health.

These are: (i) balanced and nutritious diet (ii) proper medical care.

- Inspite of large increase in medical facilities, many poor people still cannot afford medical care since it is costly and hospitals are usually located in urban areas and out of reach of the people living in remote rural areas.
- The ability to read and write and to lead a healthy life resulted in human development. So large scale investment in human resources is necessary.
- The productivity of the people can be enhanced by increasing the ability to read and write, to lead a longer life and to make other choices in their lives.
- > The population of Manipur has quadrupled in between 1951 to 2001.
- > Manipur contributed a lot in the fields of sports, dance, music and other performing arts.
- However, the human resource in the state has not been utilized properly and there is an urgent need for proper manpower planning in the state.
