

***NOCER-India, Kannur, Kerala***

NOCER-India is one of the grassroots organisations associated with the programme since the beginning. They were the first ones to translate material on RTI and disseminate it widely in the course of their workshops. They had been pressing for a grassroots level workshop in Kerala since long, and we had been reluctant to do it since we were not able to communicate in the local language. However, the organisation, specially its convenor Shri M.V.Mathew has done some excellent advocacy on the issue and is networked with several people in the state who could be used as resource persons. A workshop for grassroots activists was held at Ernakulam on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of May, 2000. Although the participation seemed a little restricted to groups associated with NOCER, the discussion was good and the concept as well as the draft law was discussed in detail. Retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India Shri V.R.Krishna Iyer addressed the meeting.