

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF VERMICOMPOST UNITS**

The kendra having permanent concrete vermicompost pit constructed under National water shed development project used as a demonstration unit for the person coming for training on vermicomposting as a additional subsidiary occupation. Several youths (men and women) of this area are involved themselves in vermicomposting. Among them Puttawa Banakar, a women from Hulihalli village of Ranebennur taluk established 6 vermicomposting pits, where as she herself fully adopted vermicomposting as a additional income generation occupation. She used to sell the worms 25 paise each and compost at the rate of Rs.300/- per quintal. She used to harvest 18 qts. of vermicompost per season (3 months) and getting income of about 5400. In selling worms she is getting Rs. 600/- season. She could earn net profit of Rs.18,000/- per year. She kept constant contact with KVK Scientists and attended training's regularly. This filled lot of confidence in her and as a result she could become economically independently. Just because of success of this women, most of the neighboring families started vermicomposting as subsidiary occupation.