VIII EDUCATION

78. The NHRC continued its education campaign to promote better understanding and awareness of the importance of human rights. Brochures in English, French and Creole as well as the first Annual Report were widely distributed.

79. Information was also disseminated on the activities of the Commission through radio, press and TV interviews. There were addresses to students, trade unionists, service clubs, women organisations, social welfare workers. People were informed about their rights and how they can enforce them. The adoption of a participatory approach in these talks proved to be very successful and increased the interest of the audience. Special lectures were organized for police officers among whom were those following the BSc Police Studies Course at the University of Mauritius. They were reminded of their special role in the protection of human rights. More specially that they had to adopt a line of conduct which would not give rise to any allegation of violation of human rights by the police force.

80. Citizenship Education was introduced in the curriculum for primary schools by the Ministry. There is now developing a right to human rights education which is itself considered as a fundamental right.
81. The Commission has started preparatory work for the production of a film to promote the fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution.