

## Case study – 2

### Towards organic agriculture....

Shri Gangaramaiah of Kadaranahalli village, Aregujjanahalli grama panchayath, Tumkur taluka of Tumkur district is a small farmer having four acres of land. In 2013 he got trained in vermicomposting under AVISHKAR – NABARD – farmer club programme. He has also participated in exposure visit to progressive farmer's plots in Chitradurga and Dharwad districts under NABARD-CAT programme. After the completion of exposure visit programme, AVISHKAR has facilitated to the construction of vermicomposting pit through convergence of Agriculture department

Before the exposure visit, he was applying large quantities of chemical fertilizer continuously to crops such as finger millet, coconut, areca nut and vegetable. Every year he used to apply 15-20 bags of chemical fertilizers. Soon he started vermicomposting, manure production and he applied the same to crops such as finger millet, beans and tomato. This has helped Gangaramaiah to reduce the purchase of chemical fertilizers. This year he has purchased only eight bags of chemical fertilizers. According to him, keeping quality of grains and vegetables has improved and there is less disease and pest attack.

