

Report on
Sensitization workshop @ Athagarh, Odisha
Date: February 27, 2020

Details of the programs were provided below:

Sl no	RWSS Division/Executive Engineer	Workshop Proceeding Report
Workshop-II (February 27,2020)	Athagada/Mr Pradeepta Kumar Mohapatra	<p>The Athagada workshop was organized on 27th February 2020. There were 12 participants in the workshop including 3AEEs,2JE-I,3 JE-II,1 lab chemist,1 MIS executive and 1 sanitation consultant.</p> <p>The workshop started at 10AM at the RWSS office premises. It was arranged in the office of the RWSS EE. Mr Mohapatra(EE) welcomed all the participants and introduced Mr Tripathy to the participant and gave a brief about the workshop and the objective of the state government in organizing such a training cum workshop for them.</p> <p>Mr Tripathy discussed with the participants on various issues and specifically reiterated the issues being raised in the previous workshop to know whether the issues are similar or not. Moreover, he wanted to know about any additional points specifically to the area of Athagarh.</p> <p>It was observed that most of the issues are similar in nature. Some of the participants highlighted about the sanitation facilities and functionality of toilets in the area. They opined that while almost all houses are covered with toilets provisioning but the usage is very low due to non-provisioning of water to the toilets.</p> <p>Workshop Highlights:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr Tripathy presented about various PPP projects in social sector infrastructure in India

		<p>and highlighted PPP features and how it is different than the traditional processes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. He listed out several PPP project initiatives by government of Odisha and the objective of having such a pilot project intervention in water sector in Odisha, especially in provisioning of piped drinking water.3. He also discussed the PPP models being presented to the government and sought participants view points on the same.4. Majority of the participants opined that the Management and Operation contract will be a better option to start with.5. They said that as O&M is a critical area for the state government in drinking water supply and the annuity payout is low, this may be a good model to start with.6. Also, this is one of the problematic area of the state government since many years, officials of RWSS face major issues in this segment while dealing with common people.7. There are instances of stone pelting and “gherao” of RWSS officials on the issues of water supply and this is very political in nature.8. Majority of the participants wanted that pilot project should start with Athagarh as it is a small area and water issue is very critical.9. Participants highly endorsed the training and opined that these kind of training should be provided to them frequently to keep them updated about the recent happenings in the sector, technology upgradation and policy updates.
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Annex 1: Photographs of the workshop

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