

Report on
Sensitization workshop @Jagatsinghpur, Odisha
Date: February 26, 2020

Sl no	RWSS Division/Executive Engineer	Workshop Proceeding Report
Workshop-1 (February 26,2020)	Jagatsinghpur/Mr Chaittaranjan Jena	<p>The workshop started at 9AM with total participants of 21 which comprised of 4 AEEs, 7 JE-I, 8 JE-II, 1 sanitation consultant and the executive engineer.</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr Chittaranjan Jena welcomed RK Tripathy from CIRC and introduced the staffs. 2. He highlighted various issues being faced by them in the fields while dealing with water related issues. 3. Major issues that were highlighted include non-cooperation from the village sarpanchs, irregular payment to motor mechanic, electricity dues not being paid by the GPs regularly, hence power cut offs resulting frequent break down of the system, threatening of the government officials by the village. 4. How the 5T programe by the government (Technology, Transparency, Team work, Time leading to Transformation) initiated good works at the grass root level and sensitized government functionaries to deliver their best. 5. While workloads were increasing due to new policy change and directions from the government, they are facing major hurdles in terms of man power. 6. Also, several responsibilities which generally should fall on the GPs as per the guidelines by the government ended up squarely on the RWSS department to do because of passing the buck by the GPs.

		<p>7. For Example, Maintenance work, payment of GP appointed staffs should be handled by the GPs but delayed unnecessarily and at last, people complained to RWSS to do the ground work.</p> <p>Session by Mr. R. K Tripathy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Tripathy introduced himself and the project to all the participants and conveyed the objective of arranging the workshop to the participants.• He highlighted that government of Odisha is well aware about the problems being faced by RWSS while dealing with water related assets monitoring and services related matters and hence, interested to experiment with PPP intervention to water supply, water services and waste water management related issues.• Mr Tripathy provided an overview of the project and the models being presented to the govt of Odisha and discussed in details of the PPP models• Participants were aware about PPP projects in the state like medical facilities being provided by the government, bulk water supply programme around Bhubaneswar but they were not clear about the functionalities under PPP• There was a clear opinion that PPP is privatization and this may hinder the functioning of their services and may result in downgrading of their authority.• Few had expressed their willingness and supportive of the PPP model being implemented to the water supply sector in Odisha.• While they were apprehensive that people may not accept that private players providing them the water supply services, they were confident that the PPP intervention will better the overall service in the sector.• They were of the opinion that while GPs are mandated to provide the O&M and monitoring of the water supply, they require sustained training and capacity building to better manage the system.
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Annex 1: Photographs of the workshop

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