

VILLAGE BANDHABHUIN: IMPROVING THE STANDARD IN SANITATION

The planning of a Rural Pipe Water Scheme for the Village Bandhabhuin under Jamankira block of Sambalpur District in Orissa primarily hinges on **Community Participation**. Estimated with a cost of Rs.13.15 lakh this scheme also incorporated the valuable contribution of the people scaling at 10% of the project cost. The demand of the village remains at 1,920 liters a day along with the institutional demand of 1792 liters of water daily. A sizeable population of around 500 are all set to get household connection in addition to stand point provisions to enable a complete distribution system sustainable for its design period..

Information, Education and Communication Program were conducted for motivating these people along with interpersonal interaction. As stated by the opinion leaders, group meetings and door-to-door campaign are being organized by the RWSS Wing of Govt. of Orissa and Gram Vikash, the Executing Agency for this Programme. Change is difficult to occur. And change in behavioral aspects is most difficult to set in. But for the people of Bandhabhuin the task became easier. They were already informed of success of Rural Water Supply Scheme in adjacent Villages the quality of water, involvement of village committee and benefits derived by other people. So the villager promptly accepted the idea and harped on the timely completion of the scheme within the stipulated period of six months.

The Awareness camps in the village have made the people aware of healthy sanitary practices. They are also prepared to design the bathroom and latrine in most modern manner.

The availability of safe drinking water has really changed the behavioral pattern.