

SUCCESS STORY OF RURAL WATER SUPPLY – MARLABA:, ORISSA



The village MARLABA is the headquarter of Marlaba Gram Panchayat is situated at a distance of 38 Km.s from the dist. Headquarter i.e Paralakhemundi and at a distance of 8 k m.s from the block head quarter RAYAGADA. Situated on the side of the SH – 34, the village is surrounded by hills and valleys. The population of the village is 710.

As per local enquiry, most of the population depends upon agriculture for their livelihood. The village has a Pry. School, Anganwadi centre, ANM center besides the gram panchayat office & church etc and was very rich in its cultural heritage.

Although people had many facilities available to this, the drinking water scenerio was dismal. The hand pumps available in the village were going dry in summer, due to scarcity in ground water. During the lean period the villagers were to fetch water from the near by nallah about 1.1/2 K.M. from village. Even the women mass of the village didn't sleep in the night



as they were to collect water from the source standing in the queue. The villagers were approaching this office for a permanent solution to that problem.



Accordingly the project work was taken up. The location of the source was decided with participation by the villagers and the local M.L.A who spared time to sit with the villagers for the purpose. For the above W/S, large diameter borewell was successfully drilled & was taken as source. All the ancillary works was completed subsequently. Now people are getting water through 7 Nos. of public stand posts located as per the decisions made by the panchayat. The local people are very much happy and satisfied with the project and are now ready to take over the same for further operation and maintenance as well with promise to make **this village a ODF** village.