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7.1 - INTRODUCTION -

We studied the overall situation of the Role of Jalswarajya project with the help of important parameters. In this regard, being a researcher, we decided to consider guidance and expert comments of the authorities specialized in this field. For the purpose of the study, we prepared a separate questionnaire pondering different aspects of Jalswarajya project. In the first instance we prepared the list of experts from concerned field. Then we personally visited and discussed with experts. We collected the questionnaire from thirteen experts. All these experts are from the State of Maharashtra. They are working the different offices in Maharashtra. Out of thirteen respondents few respondents are from the office in the Jalswarajya project, the minister of the water supply and sanitation department, the member of the Zilla Parishad Sangli and local level worker.

7.2 - GLIMPSE OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE -

For the purpose of the study of Jalswarajya, we have prepared a well structured questionnaire. The questionnaire contained various outlooks of the Jalswarajya project- The questionnaire consists of the general information (Name, qualification, designation, experience of working in Jalswarajya project) of the experts. The questionnaire includes the questions regarding the impact on beneficiaries of drinking water, health and sanitation and empowerment of women in Maharashtra, suggestion for the prevention of health and sanitation and drinking water. We have also referred few questions regarding views of
the experts in respect of drinking water system old and new Marketing of the goods in savings Groups.

7.3 - THE VIEWS -

We collected information concerning to the present situation of the Jalswarajya project in the State of Maharashtra as well as in Sangli district by pondering the views of experts. Most of the experts are well qualified, research oriented and specialized in the field of social and water supply & sanitation department. Therefore their vision with respect to Jalswarajya will play an important role. We have tried to compare experts views regarding the different outlooks of Jalswarajya project as under. We considered the views of experts as per the sequence of the questions in the questionnaire for the experts.

7.3.1 - The opinion about the Jalswarajya project -

All the expert agreed that, the Jalswarajya project is very important project implemented by Government of Maharashtra. This project is on the demand of people as well as it is for the people and by the people. “Leadership of people and participation of the Government” is the Motto of this project. This project is successful where the people took leadership and they trained themselves. This is the first project which has got “People Participated award" by World Bank.

7.3.2 - The opinion about the supply of drinking water through the Jalswarajya project -

(A) S. Dirajkumar (I.A.S. – Project Manager, Jalswarajya project water supply and sanitation Department Government of Maharashtra)

This scheme is dependent on people participation, people contribution and people decision so that there is transparency in this project. The 100%
success is not possible of any scheme. But this project of water supply is successful around 80%.

(B) Shri Laxmanrao Dhobale- (Minister of water supply and sanitation Maharashtra state.)

The purpose of this project is to offer clean and pure drinking water to each and every villager. The base of this project is the demand of the people. The 10% contribution of this project is by the people. Therefore they are conscious about their possession rights.

(C) Shri Indrajit Deshmukh- (“Commissioner” Jalswarajya project in pune Region)

The Government surveyor were searching the source of the Ground water. But this project is people demanding project. So the wiseness of rural people is used to find out the source of Ground water. Therefore this project is successful for the water supply.

(D) Shri Laxmikant Kalshetti- (Upper Secretary, Jalswarajya project, water supply and sanitation Department, Govt. of Maharashtra)

Because of the leadership of the people and people participated in all activities in the Jalswarajya project so this project is successful about the drinking water supply.

(E) Shri Sudhir Thakare- (Upper secretary, Agricultural and Rural development Department, Govt. of Maharashtra)

The people are responsible for decision making, economical participation, supervision and maintenance participation for this project. This is the only reason for the success of the project. This project includes health and sanitation, women empowerment and clean and pure drinking water. But we
can say that this project is more successful in the matter of clean and pure drinking water.

(F) **Shri Rajaram Khanake** - (Information, education and communication expert, Jalswarajya project, Govt. of Maharashtra.)

There were many schemes of drinking water supply. But they were not sufficient. The scheme of Jalswarajya provides water supply to the maximum people. The quality of drinking water is also good in this scheme. The main feature of this is “Jal Jagruti Abhiyan.” This scheme provides drinking water only after chemical test. So the drinking water is clean and pure.

(G) **Shri Kumar Khedakar** - (State Information, education and communication expert, Reform support and project Management unit, Govt. of Maharashtra.)

There was not participation of the villagers in all of the previous projects. But this project is depended wholly on the participation of the people. This is the main reason behind the success of the project and provision of the clean and pure drinking water.

(H) **Mrs. Mayuri Jadhav** - (Information, education and communication expert, ‘YASHDA’ PUNE.)

The Training is given to the people how to do clean and pure drinking water in this project. So the people get clean and pure drinking water. Wherever this project is implemented. We can say that, there is to some extent the prevention of the spending of various disease through drinking water.

(I) **Mrs. Prajakta Lawangare** - (Information, education and communication expert, Jalswarajya project, Govt. of Maharashtra.)

This project is demand driven and people participated project. The people participation was the basic feature behind the design of this project.
Because of this project social mobilization and communication of the people is possible. This is effectively done by information Education and Communication.

(J) **Mrs. Ashatai Koparade** - (Members of Zilla – Parishad Sangli and Chairman of Jalswarajya Project in Lingnur in Miraj Taluka.)

   The dream of rural women of the water supply has come to reality because of this project. The clean and pure drinking water supply is possible in village areas like that of cities now-a-days.

(K) **Shri. Babasaheb Mulik** - (‘Sabhapati’ Panchayat Samiti Vita.)

   This project is for clean and pure drinking water. Wherever this project implemented that village has got nearly 80% clean and pure drinking water.

(L) **Shri. Tukaram Chavan** - (Social worker, in Atpadi Taluka)

   This project caused for the Literacy among the people for drinking water. In this project the people are trained about the purity and cleanness of drinking water. So wherever this Scheme is implemented there is clean and pure drinking water supply.

(M) **Shri. Prasad Despande** - (Social worker, in Atpadi Taluka)

   Because of various “Vikas Karyakari Sanstha” caused for the awareness of the people about this project and this caused for the success of the project.

7.3.3 - **The opinion about the successful in supply of clean pure drinking water**

   All the experts agreed that Jalswarajya project is more successful to supply of clean and pure drinking water in comparison with other projects for this project is based on the participation of the people. People founded out
the sources of the drinking water. They took all the decision of this project. Therefore they think that this is their own project.

7.3.4 - **Influence of village politics on Jalswarajya project** -

(A) Shri. Diraj Kumar -

(B) Shri. Laxmanrao Dhobale

(C) Shri. Sudhir Thakare

(D) Mrs. Mayuri Jadhav

(E) Mrs. Prajakta Lawangare

All the above experts agreed that politics influences every Government project. More the influence of the politics, more the transparency of that project. The oppose more and more when people are conscious about any project.

(F) Shri. Indrajit Deshmukh -

Every Government project is for the welfare of the society. But its success depends upon the positive and negative attitude of the people political people. If their is positive the project is successful. And if their attitude is negative the project is not so much successful. But in this project people and politicians come together for the welfare of society and so this project is success.

(G) Shri. Laxmikant Kalshetti -

Every Government project is influenced by the village politics. The opposition for opposition details the progress of village. This thing has also detained the success of this project in some villages.
(H) **Shri. Rajaram Khanake** -

In the democracy the number of groups were created. Though there is freedom of every citizens of India. And each one can put forward his or her opinion, this is not the opposition. If a particular person given his different opinion on this project. It is not meant that he is opposition the project. There were different opinioned groups in the villages before this project also. But this project is for the progress of the village. So their may be different opinions. Naturally different opinions brings the good change in progress.

(I) **Shri. Kumar Khedakar** -

Each and every villager is aware of this project. For this project is peoples project. Naturally there are the formation of two groups in this project one is working group and second is observer group and the observer group is pressure group. Naturally there is transparency in the work. So to say there is natural and all over Control on this project.

(J) **Mrs. Ashatai Koparde** -

The success of any project depends upon the leadership of the concerning politician. If they wish for the welfare and success of a particular project the project is successful. If they oppose to the particular project it will not be successful.

(K) **Shri. Babasaheb Mulik** -

Every project is influenced by the village polities. This project is not also an exception. But a negative aspect of this project was discussed more and more in some villages. We should take into consideration the positive aspects
of this project. Both the parties, common people as well as politicians control each other. Till now, the politicians were indulging in every Government project but, this project is for the people, by the people and of the people.

(L) Shri. Tukaram Chavan –

If there is only one party rural over a particular area, there is no any kind of trouble to implement any project because people believe that whatever the party doing, it is doing for the welfare of all. But, if there are many parties rule to implement any project is difficult.

(M) Shri. Prasad Deshpande –

There is definite duration for any Government project. If there is politics in the implementation of that project, the project will not be successful.

7.3.5 - The remedies for the awareness about health and sanitation among people –

Except Babasaheb Mulik and Kumar Khedakar all the experts are of the opinion that Government has tried well, but their should be awakening among the people. Babasaheb Mulik think that the change in society is a long-duration process. The Jalswarajya project is supplementary thing is this process while Kumar Khedkar thinks that there should be more and more participation of young generation. Then and then only there will a changed picture in rural areas.

7.3.6 - The needful attempts for the 100% open defecation free village by Government. –

All the experts think that Government has Well-done in this matter. The only thing needed is that there should be change in the psychology of the people. The good thing is that the psychology is changing day by day. The important thing is that their should be continuity and more facilities in the
work of once a particular villages becomes 100% open defecation free villages. It losses its progress and efforts so continuity is essential.

7.3.7 - The opinion about the previous water supply scheme and Jalswarajya project -

(A) Shri. S. Dirai Kumar -

There is three- point- formula i.e. participation of the people the contribution of the people and the decision of the people. So this project is different project because of this Jalswarajya project has launched.

(B) Shri. Laxmanrao Dobale -

In the previous projects there was not demand of the people, Economical contribution of the people and also participation of the people, But in this project these three things are included.

(C) Shri. Indrajit Deshmukh -

This project is more ambitious in comparison with other projects. This project is developed project in the aspect of social, economical and technical. The water supply by the people participation is basic purpose of this project.

(D) Shri. Laxmikant Kalshetti -

The Jalswarajya project is due to the training of the people, the common people are trained for the implantation of the project. This facilities is not available for previous project so the implementation of the Jalswarajya project.

(E) Shri. Sudhir Thakare -

There is a direct possession of this project in the hands of the people. So they think and feel the responsibility about the work. So the started of the Jalswarajya project.
(F) Shri. Rajaram Khanake -

In the village people were not participated In the previous scheme There was not only institute With technical but the importance of the social engineering. And there is social engineering in the Jalswarajya project.

(G) Shri. Kumar Khedakar-

There was no participation of the villagers in all other previous project. But This project is demand driven project so this project is depended wholly on the participation of the people. This is the main reason behind the implementation of this project.

(H) Mrs. Mayuri Jadhav -

All the previous schemes were supply based but Jalswarajya project is wholly demand based project. This project include democratic principle so this project is implemented.

(I) Mrs. Prajakta Lawangare -

The previous project there is no Provision of need and supply. But the Jalswarajya project, there is provision of need and supply and it is also by the people. So this project is implemented.

(J) Mrs. Ashatai Koparde -

At present , In Jalswarajya project there is 50% women participation in each committee. This provision was not in the previous project.

(K) Shri. Babasaheb Mulik -
There was a Government project about drinking water no doubt. But to be frank, many of them were on the papers. Naturally there was a big question of the drinking water on village level. This means there were some shortcomings in such projects. All the previous schemes were of the Government and they were not demanded by the people. Therefore people were not thinking about the responsibility about the projects. But the Jalswarajya project is of the people, by the people and for the people.

**L) Shri. Tukaram Chavan**

The common people were quite unknown about the economic budget of all the previous project, but the Jalswarajya project is totally transparent. So this project is implemented.

**M) Shri. Prasad Deshpande**

The project of water supply is implemented or worked out by the Government officers. The villagers are unknown about such projects. There are number of expensive water supply projects, but they are not successful.

**7.3.8 - Leadership of women in the Jalswarajya project**

(A) Shri. S. Diraj Kumar

(B) Shri. Sudhir Thakare

(C) Shri. Kumar Khedkar

(D) Shri. Rajaram Khanake

(E) Mrs. Mayuri Jadhav

(F) Mrs. Prajakta Lawangare

All above experts are of the opinion that Jalswarajya project includes the development of women, their empowerment with the saving Group by
Economic progress with water supply. All these caused for the women's self respect. So the increased participation of the women in all activities in Jalswarajya project is good sign of development.

(G) Shri. Laxmanrao Dhabale-

There is compulsion of “women Gramshbha” before General meeting. This has caused for decision making, source selection, saving group for women. This project insist on women empowerment and so naturally there is a leading part for women.

(H) Shri. Indrajit Deshmukh-

Before this project fetching water was only women’s work but women empowerment is one of the main aspects of this project. And so there is 50% Women participation in this project now days women are working for various social services.

(I) Shri. Laxmikant Kalshetti-

The Jalswarajya project brought a great advantage to women. They got kind of platform for the communication. So the increased leadership of women in Jalswarajya project.

(J) Mrs. Ashatai Koparde-

The Saving Groups provide platforms for women. They come forward and discussed their own problems in such meetings. So naturally their is a communication. This has caused for the Economic development as well as mentally development of the women so the increased leadership of women in Jalswarajya project.

(K) Shri. Babasaheb Mulik -
There is 50% reservation for women in all three committees i.e. water supply committee, health and sanitation committee and women empowerment committee. Because of this 50% reservation for women, women started taking part in all the activities and crossing the threshold are their houses. Here quantity is not important, but the confidence among them is important. This is done by Jalswarajya project.

(L) Shri. Tukaram Chavan &

(M) Shri. Prasad Deshpande -

Above two experts stated that, there was no chance for women to cross threshold of their houses before Jalswarajya project but, the Jalswarajya project includes 50% women participation in all committees. So there is a chance for them in every decision making activities.

7.3.9 - Provide the advantages for women in Jalswarajya project -

There was positive answer for this question by all these experts. The answers were like this-

1) A woman who was not coming out of her house. She started taking part in various activities because of this project.

2) They increased their self-confidence.

3) They started taking part in various discussion.

4) They developed their mental abilities

5) There was a social change to some extent.

6) Women got some indirect benefits like self respect, awareness of their rights etc.

7) This project increased business attitude among the women.
8) There was increment of knowledge among the women.

9) There was increment of women's attendance in Gramsabha.

10) Empowerment of women.

11) The society changed its attitude towards women.

12) The women got knowledge of banking activities.

13) Because of Exhibition and getting together there was kind of communication among women.

14) Women became aware of their rights.

7.3.10 - Provision for the product of saving Group of women in the Jalswarajya project –

All the experts agreed that there is no provision for the marketing in this project. The project has insisted only on farming of saving Groups. There is no special provision of marketing for this prepare products. But shri. Laxmikant Kalshetti expert only stated that such provision is made in the “Swarn Jayanti Gram Yojana.”

7.3.11 - Implementation of Jalswarajya project is 100% successful?- 

(A) Shri. S. Diraj Kumar –

S. Diraj Kumar gives following reasons of success project.

1) The innovation of the concept

2) Participation of the people

3) Finding out the sources of Group water by the people.

4) Organization and maintenance by the people.
5) The use of women Labour power in the villages development.

(B) Shri. Laxmikant Dhobale –

There is provision of education and training for people in this project that is why this project is successful.

(C) Shri. Indrajit Deshmukh –

The village which has contributed 10% for this project. The project is successful there. But, where the contractor has contributed individually there the project is not successful.

(D) Shri. Laxmikant Kalshetti –

This project is the best example of how to implement a government project taking the participation of the people and the implement the project.

(E) Shri. Sudhir Thakare –

In this project there is participation of the people who know their general problems and how to solve them. So this project is successful.

(F) Shri. Rajaram Khanake –

Rajaram khanake stated the following reasons for the success of the project.

1) The participation of the people
2) Maximum pure and clean water supply
3) “Jal Jagruti Abhiyan”
4) Chemical test of the drinking water
5) Health and sanitation
6) Women empowerment

7) 50% participation of women

8) Leadership for women

9) Saving Groups

10) Advantage of communication for women.

(G) Shri. Kumar Khedakar –

In this project there is the participation of common people. The provision of self contribution as well as self implementation. People took part in every activity. i.e. purchasing finding the source, information, education, and communication etc. in this way there was the enlightenment of the people. All this caused for the success of the project.

(H) Mrs. Mayuri Jadhav –

Mrs. Mayuri Jadhav gave the reasons for the success of the project like transparency, the participation of the people and women empowerment.

(I) Mrs. Prajakta Lawangare –

Because of the participation of the people They knew what is excite the project and how to implement it. So this project is successful.

(J) Mrs. Ashatai Koparde –

The participation of women in every activity created the success for the project.

(K) Shri. Babasaheb Mulik –

Wherever this project is implemented, there is a different picture. The awareness of sanitation is increased in the school children as well as among
common people also. Though the use of toilet is not 100% but, there is a considerable change in this aspect. The change is long duration process and there must be continuity for such process. In comparison with other projects. This project is nearly 80% successful.

(L) **Shri. Tukaram Chavan** –

The Jalswarajya project is successful because of the awareness of own rights among people and awareness about sanitation.

(M) **Shri. Prasad Deshpande** –

The knowledge and the participation of the people caused for the success of the project.

7.3.12 - **Participation of the villagers in the Jalswarajya project** –

All the experts agreed that, this project is people based project, the leading part of the people is expected. Each and every committee is formed by the villagers. Because of people participation, there is a nice transparency is this project.

7.3.13 - **Which things will you suggest for the nice future implementation in Jalswarajya project** –

(A) **Shri. S. Diraj Kumar** –

(B) **Shri. Laxmanrao Dhabale** –

(C) **Shri. Sudhir Thakare** –

(D) **Shri. Kumar Khedakar** –
(E) Mrs. Mayuri Jadhav –

(F) Mrs. Prajakta Lawangare –

(G) Mrs. Ashatai Koparde –

   All these above experts insists on the following remedies –

1) Changing the approach of the people

2) The need for ‘Yuvak Abhiyan’

3) Awareness or Sanitation among the college students

4) Importance for women.

(H) Shri. Indrajit Deshmukh –

   Indrajit Deshmukh suggested the following remedies-

1) Waste material should be used for the earthworm compost.

2) There should a proper drainage system and a separate plan for it.

3) Youths should spend one day for such programmed interval.

4) Cow-shed should be built outside of the village.

5) The coops should be outside of the villages.

6) There should be proper management for stray dogs.

(I) Shri. Laxmikant Kalshetti –

   There should be sustainability capacity building and visit to other developed villages them and then only such type of the projects will be successful.

(J) Shri. Rajaram Khanake –
Rajaram Khanake insisted on the not only the external change of the village but the change in the human minds.

(K) Shri. Babasaheb Mulik –

There must be continuous efforts for the implementation of such types of project. We should take in to consideration the positive aspects of such projects and avoid the negative. We should visit the villages which has carried such type of project effective.

(L) Shri. Tukaram Chavan –

(M) Shri. Prasad Deshpande –

Though this project is people depending, there must be a kind of control by government. This will help for the audit and the progress of the village.

7.4. - CONCLUSION -

We collected the views in respect of the overall situation of the Jalswarajya project by various aspects from the experts. All these experts are from the State of Maharashtra and Sangli district belonging to different specialized fields. Most of the experts, which we have selected are knowledgeable with this problem. All these experts have expressed their views in respect of the overall situation of Jalswarajya project of state and district level.
1) The thirteen experts have given their favourable opinion about the Jalswarajya project. According to their views the Jalswarajya project is important project. This is the first project which has got people participated award” by World Bank.

2) Again all the experts have given favourable opinion regarding the supply of drinking water through Jalswarajya project and success of the clean and pure drinking water supply.

3) The five experts are the same view of the influence of village politics on Jalswarajya project. They say the political influences every Government project.

4) The 11 experts have given the opinion the remedies for the awareness about health and sanitation. They said that the Government has tried well but the two experts have given their different opinions. According to their views the change in society is a long duration process the Jalswarajya project is supplementary thing.

5) All experts agreed about the Government had Well done the attempts for the 100% open defecation free village.

6) The comparison between previous water supply project and Jalswarajya project. The 13 experts said that Jalswarajya project is better than previous project.

7) All experts agree the increased leadership of women in Jalswarajya project. The six experts views are similar and other experts view are different but the views are favorable the leadership of women.

8) All experts gave the positive answer for the advantages provided for women in Jalswarajya project.
9) The twelve experts gave Negative answer of the provision for the product of saving Groups of women in the Jalswarajya project but one expert given the positive answer.

10) All the experts said that the implementation of the Jalswarajya project is nearly 80% successful.

11) All the experts agreed that the participation of the villagers is increased.

12) All experts have suggested similar distinct recommendations for the nice future implementation in Jalswarajya Project are as -

1) Change the approach of the people.

2) Awareness of the people.

3) Proper drainage system

4) Sustainability capacity building and visit to other developed villages.

5) The change in human minds.