

Case Study: Tataha Gram Sabha initiated to manage a Hot Spring Picnic spot.

Location code or village code of Tatha Alias Balbal village is 366963. Tatha Alias Balbal village is located in Barwadih subdivision of Latehar district in Jharkhand, India. It is situated 25km away from sub-district headquarter Barwadih (tehsildar office) and 80km away from district headquarter Latehar. Morwai Kala is the gram panchayat of Tatha Alias Balbal village. The village has a population of about 700 people, mostly from the Scheduled Tribes. The main occupation of the people is collection of NTFP, agriculture and animal husbandry. The primary crops grown in the village are maize, paddy, and vegetables. The villager are also skilled in stone cutting, earthen pottery, and broom-making. There is also a small market in the village where locals buy and sell goods. The village has a primary school, ICDS and a health center. The nearest higher secondary school is located in the nearby village of Morwai Kala. The village has a road connecting it to the nearby town of Barwadih. The nearest railway station is also located in Barwadih.

Tataha village has divided into 4 Tola , Name of the tola has been listed below.-Korwa tola, Purab Tola, Mahua Tola and Bhalhi tola. The Tataha village is home to a variety of tribes and castes, including Korwa, Parhiya and Kharwar Shivnarayan Singh is Gram Pradhan of the village

Category	Number of HH
ST	129
PVTG	32
OBC	1
Total HH	162

The total geographical area of village is 1203 hectares. The Tataha hot water spring is located in Tataha village . The spring is situated in the midst of the dense forest near Morwai. The spring is a perennial source of hot water. The spot becomes a major tourist attraction in winters and on every 14th January a traditional fair is organized.

Under Gram Swashashan Abhiyan organization started working and meetings with community was organized and further Gram sabha decided to continue its meeting every month . Gram sabha members knew that they have rights to manage resource within the boundry of Gram sabha , they have also rights to collect revenue as per the Jharkhand PRI act 2001 section (10) (XXI),and PESA 1996 section -10 B & 8, Constitution of India Article 13(3) A, Article 244(1). Gram sabha decided to clean the surrounding area of hot water picnic spot, 15-20 youth repaired the connecting road by shramdan . Gram sabha passed a resolution and decided to manage the spot and decided to fix a check post before entry on spot. They also fixed a parking fee for bike and four wheelers. Gram sabha sent letter to Governor Jharkhand, DC Latehar, , BDO Barwadih, , Polish station , Director Tiger project, Mukhiya Morwai kala, Pramukh , Zila Parishad members regarding Gram sabha decision. Morwai kala Panchayat Mukhiya Ashish Singh, Ex Mukhiya Shrawan Kumar Singh started opposing the decision of Gram sabha because they have no idea of PRI, PESA and constitutional provisions. After that a meeting was organized

with BDO Barwadih(Rakesh Sahay) in which Gram sabha members, Mukhiya, Zila Parishad member participated and BDO conveyed this message to SDO Latehar about the meeting . SDO joined this meeting online and agreed that Gram Sabha have resource management right as per the act written in letter sent to various authorities and Mukhiya was also convinced through the provisions as per the act. Finally Gram sabha started revenue collection on picnic spot and youth of village deployed on the spot for revenue collection , cleaning , safety & security. Gram sabha fixed a rate for tourist- 20 Rs for bike, 30 rs for auto, 50 Rs for four wheelers. Person from Morwai kala Panchayat were exempted from this charges. Total of 13700 Rs was collected within a week & on the day of fair(14th January) . Gram sabha has also opened it's bank account at Gramin Bank at Barwadih . It is a new initiative in this area and other Gram sabha also appreciated this action. BDO also visited the spot and encouraged the villagers; he also supported 30 blankets in the village.



Road repairing by villagers at picnic spot



Villagers meeting with BDO & Zila Parishad member



Display board by Gram sabha



Site visit by BDO Barwadih