

## SUCCESS STORY

### **Title: A man in search of getting employment became a service provider**

#### **Background:**

Choramba is a small village located at 3 Km in the east of Ghatanji. Prashant aged about 30 was born in a farmer's family in a small village named Choramba in Ghatanji block having population of 835. The family has five members having four acres of farm land. Prashant has been suffering from Polio since he was only of six month of age in which his left leg was affected. He is living at Choramba with his parents and a younger brother. He took primary education up to 4<sup>th</sup> standard in Choramba village. His father used to take him to school and bring back to him after the school time. From 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> he took his high school education at Ghatanji. He passed his SSC examination and got admission in SPM College at Ghatanji and he thus got through HSSC.



#### **Intervention:**

While college education he joined in 2009 and worked in its one of the projects based on agriculture for three years on a monthly salary of Rs. 3500/- pm. Incidentally, the work of CBR Forum project meant for rehabilitation of PWD's was started in the village through Rasikashraya Sanstha Ghatanji in the year 2012. He became the member of DPO and was elected as the president of the DPO. He started involving himself in the activities of drawing disability certificates of DPO members, drawing bus pass etc by taking initiative. The DPO was linked with MSRLM and had got RF of Rs. 15000/- from which he borrowed an advance of Rs.5000/- for purchase of a she goat. Within a span of a year the goats grown to five and he presented an example of success before the members of his group. He then became the member of BDPO. He always engaged himself in village level welfare activities of PWD's like IAY, MNREGA and implementation of 3 % reserve fund.

#### **Changes happened:**

DIC had organized a Rozgar Melava in Ghatanji in December, 2012 in which 3000 youths had participated and out of them 700 were selected for undergoing vocational training. Responsibility of serving food to participants during this Melava and even during training of 700 youths was entrusted to Prashant. Prashant accepted this responsibility and discharged his duty successfully. While serving he has good interaction with the caterers and this helped in growing interest in him. He began to keep in touch with caterers and supporting them in availing manpower (labour) for them. He used to get only Rs. 250/- as like other labours later on began to lead the labour group on commission basis. On interaction with the NGO head

and idea of running catering conceived in his mind. He learned something new that has made tremendous change in him in terms of determination of doing something new in life. Within a month's period he made a team youth for rendering services in functions in the village and outside too onwards April, 2013. He looks after the management of catering business. He is earning Rs. 2000 to 3000 on each programme. In a very short period of time he became able to provide employment to about 40-50 youths.

In the year 2015 he borrowed loan of Rs. 20000/- from MHFDC from which he purchased a Moped Bike vending cart that enables him going easily for providing catering services outside the village. Apart from repayment of loan instalment he began to save Rs. 50/- day. He spent from his own sources an amount of Rs 4.12 lakhs on building up of his own house along with cost of Rs. 1.38 lakhs received under Gharkul scheme of Government. He also became the member of BDPO and DDPO. This can be happened due to determination and continued struggle for becoming self reliant. He has provided employment to about 150 youths from seven nearby villages of Ghatanji for extending complete services including serving food. His yearly income is Rs. 4.00 lakhs and turnover is Rs. 20.00 lakhs.

**Special Achievements by the person:**

He started a self business and thereafter provided employment to 150 youths. Prashant has now stands on his own feet. He is cooperative and continuously fighting for the rights and entitlements of PwD's. Apart from handling his own business he participates in all the meetings of DPO, BDPO, DDPO and fight for the welfare of PwD's. He bought an OMNI car and work as service provider in social and religious functions with honour.

**Any "opinion expressed" or a "quote" of the proposed nominee for the award.**

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