

Case Study

Paddy Farming (Landless Person)

Ananda Thama Hindole of village Anandwadi stays with the wife and 24 years son. His son is studying and totally dependent on family. Ananda is a landless and had no resources to earn. Before coming in contact with APT team he was dependent on daily wages earnings from the labour work available in the village. He and his wife had to face lot of difficulties to meet the both ends.

Ananda came in contact with Anubhav Pratishthan Trust (APT) in 2019 through awareness program in their village. He attended various meetings conducted by APT He



participated regularly in the awareness meetings and got inspired with the information received in awareness program. In one of the awareness programs, Ananda got the information on Paddy farming. He learnt this technic and decided to implement

this program for himself. As Ananda is landless, he asked the other farmer in the village to give is hand on rent for the paddy cultivation. He started paddy cultivation on 1 acre of land. The deal with the farmer, whose land was taken on the rent, that Ananda would give half of the produce to the land owner. The CRP and the project staff guided him for the paddy cultivation. He was supported through the project funded by Volkart Foundation by providing Paddy crop seeds and also supported him to get land nearby. The average production of paddy is around 7 quintals from the one acre of land. After paddy, Ananda also started the cultivation of cereals, pulses and tubers on the same piece of land, from which he approximately earns around Rs. 40 thousand. Thus the total income he earns from 1 acre is around Rs. 65 thousand out which he pays back half the amount to the land owner. Thus he earns approximately Rs. 30-35 thousand from the paddy, cereals and tuber cultivation. Along with that he also cultivates some vegetables which fulfil the

vegetables requirement of the family. This has helped Ananda and his family in getting nutrition valued food without the use of any chemical fertilizers and pesticide.

Now Ananda is getting his stock of food grains from the one acre of land he cultivates, free of chemicals. ATP has put about Rs. 1500/- as one time cost to install this activity for her and continuous follow up support and guidance. Ananda is earning approximately Rs. 35000/- annually after paying the rent for the land. More importantly, he do not have to beg for the work to the others in the village and also the family is able to save some amount.

Ananda is now an inspiring personality for other such resource less persons in the village, and has set up an example to be self-dependant.

Vision of Ananda for himself and other such needy persons:

The paddy farming experience has given Ananda the confidence and he wants to learn other complementary modules for improving his livelihood base. The activity has helped his confidence and now he is ready to share his knowledge with other needy people and families in the village and nearby area. Ananda further expressed his wish to take up the farming on large scale by taking the land on lease and organising the landless people in the area, so that they all are benefitted from this endeavour.

The Challenges:

The major challenge was to convince the land owner to give his land on lease to Ananda as he is a resource less person. APT team discussed with the land owner and assured him the support. Scarcity of water in the region is one of the big challenges.