



Providing Clean Water in **India**

This primary school is situated in the village of Manor, and children from seven nearby villages attend here. Takvahal is a residential school, where students live full-time. With few possessions and few places to store them, students carry a small bag with them while studying and stay in the same room for almost a year.

There are two sources of water into the community: 1) an overhead water tank that supplies households with fluctuating quality and quantity of supply and; 2) a small nearby lake that is filled with algae and fungus, along with myriad other contaminants. When the water tank reserves are low or stopped altogether, villagers will use unfiltered water from the nearby lake for drinking water.

Water-health and hygiene practices are not generally found among the students, so they commonly wash their hands, dishes and other items, without soap, in the same basin as their drinking water. This practice can make them sick and lead to school absences or hospitalization.



MANOR

Govt. Primary Ashram School, Takvahal

Number of Students: 205

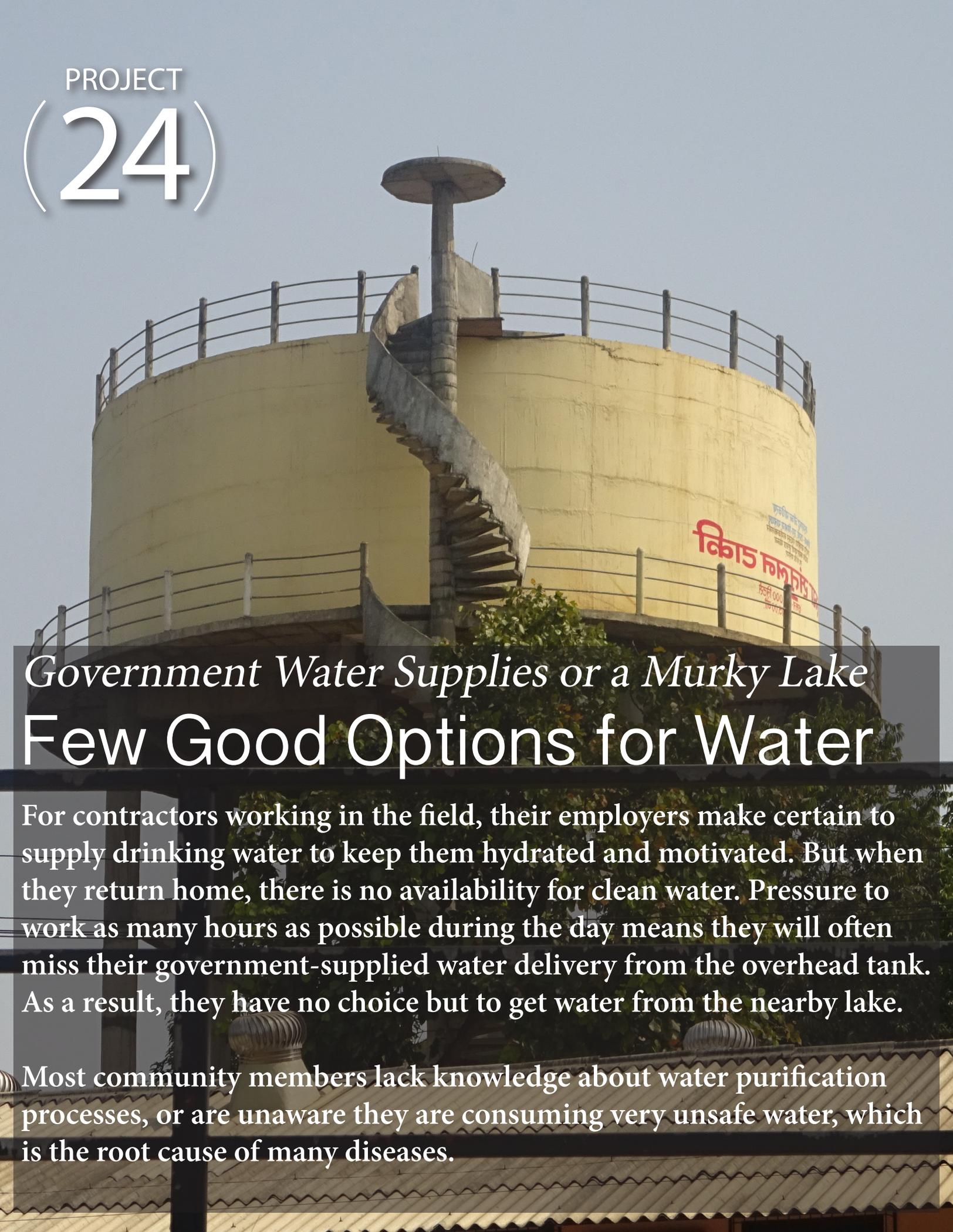
GPS Coordinates: 19.724167, 72.925278

Village Population: 15,000 (approx)

Number of Households: 750 (approx)

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Government Water Supplies or a Murky Lake Few Good Options for Water

For contractors working in the field, their employers make certain to supply drinking water to keep them hydrated and motivated. But when they return home, there is no availability for clean water. Pressure to work as many hours as possible during the day means they will often miss their government-supplied water delivery from the overhead tank. As a result, they have no choice but to get water from the nearby lake.

Most community members lack knowledge about water purification processes, or are unaware they are consuming very unsafe water, which is the root cause of many diseases.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



“We want the filter in our school, because it is good for our health.”

– Patil Subhash, Grade 5

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“We try our best to make students practice good learning practices and also take measures to keep them safe and healthy. So a donation of a water filter from your company will be a motivation for not only school, but also to the students.”

- Grade 5 Teacher



“Many times people pass by and don’t purchase refreshments from us fearing the quality of the water used. So we do understand the importance of safe water from this. The water filter will surely benefit the students in school.”

- Street Vendor close to the school

