

## *Journey from destitute to decent*

### Story of Priyanka Hasda

This is a story of a woman, Priyanka Hasda, Jama Block, village Taraband. Priyanka belonged to a very poor family, after the death of her father, got married at a very young age. Husband was an abusive and alcoholic man with no work and income. As a result to which Priyanka used to do manual labour and earn some money.

Some known people promised her work outside village and trafficked her to Delhi along with other 4 women from the village. Priyanka, by some means escaped the trap and came back to her village. Priyanka sought help from the administration and rescued the other 4 women too. Her

husband abandoned her. Since then Priyanka is living at her maternal home in Taranband. Along with her brother she works in fields and does manual labour to support her living. Their family owns only 1.10 acre of land.

In 2005, Priyanka became a member of the self help group in the village. She got trained with the help of professionals of ASA on responsive agriculture techniques and advanced agricultural practices. On the basis of the training received, in Kharif 2016, she was able to grow green chillies and maize which fetched her income of Rs. 36,000. However, due to lack of irrigation, in Rabi season there was no yield. Then, under one of the projects of ASA, a Dug Well was constructed near her farm that provided water during summers, as a result of which Priyanka grew lady finger, pumpkin and bitter guard on her farm, which fetched her income of Rs. 18,000.

Priyanka, has stopped going out in search of manual labour and is earning a decent income through agriculture to sustain her needs. She is also working as a Village Resource Person of ASA. This was her journey from destitute to decent, she smiles as we speak to her.



Priyanka on field