## Towards improving drinking water provisioning of Parbhani city

**Case Study – Urban Water** 





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#### **TDSC**

Technology and Development Solutions Cell

Formed: January 2014

Deliver solutions and consultancy outputs for development projects

#### **TDSC Objectives**

- Address professional service requirements of regional bodies like municipal corporations and GPs
- Develop consultancy model for the bottom 80% that engages young engineers
- Formulate development protocols and case studies for dissemination to regional colleges
- Provide a launching pad for entrepreneurial careers in the development sector

## TDSC Engagement with PMC

 2013: MOU signed between TDSC/IITB and Parbhani Municipal Corporation (PMC)

 2014: TDSC formally engaged by PMC to produce a "status report and analysis of existing and proposed water supply schemes in Parbhani"

## Parbhani Water Supply Status

- Population: 315,000
- 64,000 households 1/3 have direct connections, rest use stand pumps, bore wells
- Residents receive water once in 7-10 days
- Design supply: 18 MLD (theoretically 50-60 lpcd)
- BUT: previous audit estimates supply at 20 lpcd
- Energy bills exceed 20 lakh/month 2.5 cr/year
  - → 800 kWh/ML vs 400 kWh/ML benchmark

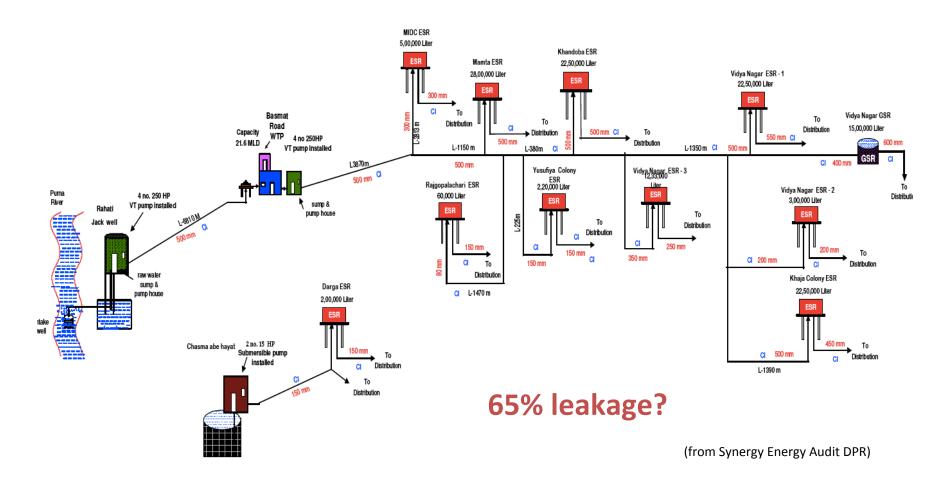
#### Problem statement

#### PMC Commissioner has two questions:

- 1. Where is the water going?
- 2. How do we reduce pumping energy and repair costs?

## Understanding the Existing Scheme

Source  $\rightarrow$  WTP  $\rightarrow$  10 ESR/GSRs  $\rightarrow$  Zones  $\rightarrow$  Connections



## **Pumping Systems**

- Two pumping stations: Source and WTP
- Each station has three 250 HP pumps
- Operating at various pump combinations:
  - **-** 1, 2, 3, 1&2, 1&3, 2&3
- Two challenges to tackle:
  - Pump efficiency
  - Motor burnout

#### MSNA in Parbhani

- Maharashtra Sujal-Nirmal Abhiyaan (MSNA) programme for Urban Local Bodies to improve their water supply systems
- Primary output: knowledge
  - Water and energy audits, GIS, hydraulic modeling, consumer survey, metering
- Synergy (Thane) was contracted to conduct MSNA Phase I for Parbhani
- Output was delivered over a year ago PMC have absorbed very little

# Internal Challenges in Urban Water Supply

Design Challenges

Technical and Operational challenges

Governance challenges

Demand forecasting

**Energy efficiency** 

Frequent changes in governance

Operating schedule for even and adequate supply

Leakage management

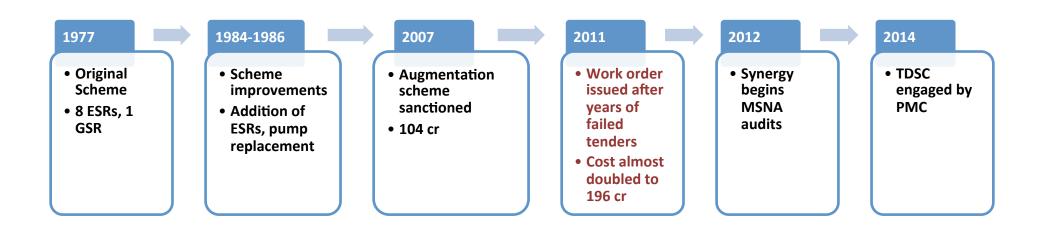
Incomplete knowledge of system

**Proper maintenance** 

Insufficient technical expertise

Poor absorption capacity

#### Parbhani Scheme Timeline





## **Key Deliverables**

- Energy efficiency analysis
  - flow, energy, pressure head
- Pump operation and maintenance manuals for operators (in Marathi)
- Major leakages identification
- Key short, medium and long term recommendations with cost/benefit analysis
- MSNA output:
  - Assistance with MSNA output absorption
  - Verification of Synergy's assumptions, methodologies and recommendations

## Coming up

- Flow readings
  - flow meters currently being installed
  - collect readings through the system → identify leakages
- Methods to prevent motor burn-out
  - Serious and expensive problem: water shortage exacerbated, efficiency reduced after re-winding, and high repair charges







#### **THANK YOU**

