


Signed Statement:

The present research work which has been presented here has not been given any awards in the past. The co-authors also contributed to some extent for the team work. So, the work was fruitful. Though I designed the study for whole period of two and half decades' work, where I lead the team, checked the analysis of the data and its interpretation from time to time and many times wrote and edited the manuscript. Liasoning with the Department of Health, Govt. of Odisha were done in many occasions for conducting the diarrheal studies both in coastal and tribal areas. Collections of samples were done with our staffs and sometimes with the help of local health authorities. The detection of environmental reservoirs of *V. cholerae* from the flowing water bodies in the tribal areas was identified and published, which is the first report, where I played the main role. The establishment of two field units in the District Head quarter Hospitals of Rayagada and Kalahandi were done where the manpower were trained to work independently and the technology was transferred to work independently.


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