“‘We always only wished to have a household toilet…we were not really sure if we could work towards it! Shelter’s presence could make it work for us and we are really happy to be having one…the thought of not going to the CTB...makes me day!’ smiles Wahida....

Residing in Kranti Nagar, Thane, Wahida Shaikh aged 45, lives with her mother. She is the only bread earner of the family and she indulges into taking tuitions at home to make her living.

Unfortunately both of them have been suffering from heart related issues which has been taking a toll on their health.

Having used the Community Toilet Block, Wahida mentions- ‘The CTB is always very dirty. There have been very few times when we have come across that there is water supply & electricity supply at the CTB. In such conditions, using the CTB has always been a task and very unsafe especially since we both are prone to heart ailments.

‘This being the condition now, what would we do once we age? My mother is already old and needs assistance...how long can we keep relying on such improper facilities??’ asks Wahida.

Wahida’s monthly income is around Rs. 4,500 and she being the only source of livelihood, they have not been economically sound. Yet the urge to get a household toilet constructed kept her going....fighting all odds to raise money through her contacts and by availing some loan schemes, she finally made it & has a toilet built in her house today!