Gram Panchayat Boda comes under Batauli block of Sarguja district of Chhattisgarh. The total population of Batauli is 1821 and Total no. of households is 531. Only a few villages under Batauli are lagging behind in achieving the status of ODF. Sometimes local level politics also play a role in emergence of a village community as open defecation free Boda is a vivid example of this sheer politics. Boda was just on a verge to be declared as Nirmal Gram in the year 2007, when TSC was going on, but the local politics for petty things came into the way to success. Actually, a group of people from Boda itself started pretending (holding a “lota” in their hands) as if they were going for open defecation on being instigated by some people who were against the then Sarpanch when a team came to Boda in 2007 for the ODF verification of the village so as to declare it a Nirmal Gram. Hence, Boda lost the chance of acquiring the status of Nirmal Gram.

At that time, there was a provision to give Rs. 1200/ to the APL and Rs. 900/ to the BPL families for the rural pan and the single soak pit, so it was up to
the beneficiaries to construct the superstructure using their own resources. Therefore, the beneficiary community constructed the toilets with mud and bamboo which didn’t sustain and collapsed just after a few rainy seasons. Only one soak pit per toilet was being furnished that time under Total Sanitation Campaign which either got filled in a few years or the honey-combing inside the pit got destroyed by the rats, due to which the liquid couldn’t absorb in the soil and excreta couldn’t convert into manure. A total of 341 toilets were constructed at that time, out of which approximately 50% of which became non-functional, so SBM is renovating these toilets and 116 new toilets have also been constructed under SBM to cater the additional surplus population over the time. The community has been motivated to construct their toilets on their own. This has been possible on account of the SBM’s innovation on CLTS for a positive change in the sanitation practices of the community. This led to a change in the mind-set of the community to ponder upon the extent of filthiness all around their village due to open defecation and the diseases incurring extra expenditure of their hard earned money on the treatment. The community realized that the malnourishment is also an outcome of OD and hence it took no longer for the community to start digging the pits for their soak pits. Now, Boda is looking forward to shake hands with prosperity by choosing to ODF.