

RASHILA

Kishan Harpadiya



DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI



Rashila Kishan Harpadiya and her husband **Kishan Chaniya Harpadiya** live with their four children and their families in a kutcha house. Her husband is a farmer who takes land from other landlords on lease basis and cultivates crops. The income he makes from it is shared with landlords. Two of her sons work in a private company. One of her daughters was married from the same kutcha house.

Rashila had tears in her eyes when she recalled the time her daughter got married. Due to the kutcha house, none of their relatives turned up. No one would even drink a glass of water from their home. It became very difficult for the family of 11 including four grandchildren to survive in the two room kutcha house without toilet or kitchen. Throughout her life she saw her family live with the troubles of mud walls and security issues.

One of the neighbours who got enrolled in the PMAY(U) Scheme suggested Rashila to enroll herself. With the help of financial assistance through PMAY (U) and by borrowing some money from her relatives, she was able to construct a pucca house for the family.

The new pucca house has brought fortune for the whole family. After the construction of the house, they were able to repay their debts and fortunately for her husband, the crops yielded good profits. Rashila says "My daughter feels safe and is able to focus on her education". When they lived in kutcha house, there was no TV, fridge or anything else. Now in the pucca house the family has bought a new fridge with so much of happiness.

Rashila says "As a farmer's wife, I have seen the ups and downs of life and no one notices the pain and tragedies that a farmer goes through. With a kutcha house and ever mounting debts, one cannot even dream of owning a house because there are mountain of obstacles that have to be crossed to earn bread for the family. PMAY(U) has made it possible for farmers to live under a concrete roof".