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Maru Arvinbhai is a labourer and takes care of his whole family with his mother, elder brother, sister - in - law and their two children. His father is no more and the whole responsibility of the family lies on him and his brother. It was very difficult for him to even provide good shelter to his family with the low income. He decided to live in a kutcha house in order to save money to build a pucca one.

However with the meagre income it was very difficult for him to provide a good life to his family. In a house covered with polyethene sheets, rain used to seep from the roof and the family would start collecting water in buckets and vessels. In order to not get drenched the children would take shelter under the bed.

While he was struggling with all these difficulties, a friend informed him about Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY(U)] scheme where government provides subsidy to make a pucca house. This scheme gave a ray of hope to him that he can build his own pucca house.

He went to the Kalavad Municipal Corporation and filled the form and provided all necessary documents. After some days he was informed by the officials about the amount sanctioned and he is permitted to start building his home. With the help of PMAY(U) scheme and his own saving, he built his house with separate bedrooms, hall, kitchen along with toilet and bathroom attached. He recalls that in the kutcha house his mother used to sticks and coal as fuel to cook and this made everyone choke the smoke spread all over the house. Now his mother is very happy as they have a separate kitchen and gas connection and its safe and there is no smoke also.

It was indeed a proud moment for the family to shift to a new pucca house where they don't have to worry about rain, wind or any problem. He and his family are thankful to the Hon'ble Prime Minister and Government of India.