

RADHASHYAM

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Radhashyam, aged 60, heads a family of five, including his parents. He hails from Konark. Radhashyam had been residing in an old, dilapidated kutcha house for the last 20 years before constructing a house under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY(U)] in 2017. Living in the thatched house was an everyday struggle for the family. Things would become even worse during the rainy season with rain water dripping all over. The family would have sleepless nights with the fear of roof falling over. Further, lack of a toilet added to their woes.

“PMAY(U) was a ray of hope during my times of utmost despair. In 2017, I learnt about the Scheme. I had always desired for a pucca house of my own, but my low income forbade me to realise my dream”, expressed Radhashyam. With the financial assistance received under PMAY(U), he was able to realise his dream of owning a pucca house. He built a seismic-resistant pucca house with two rooms, kitchen, toilet and a verandah.

“Now, I don't have to worry about my family's safety and privacy”, shared Radhashyam. The new pucca house has brought about profound social change to his existence, endowing him with an identity, thus integrating him with his immediate social milieu. The family now has a sense of safety, security and privacy.