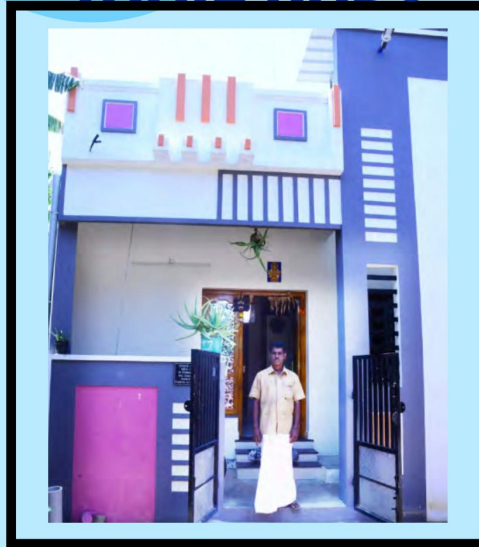


GANAPATHY Anandham



TAMIL NADU



Ganapathy Anandham struggled hard in giving a decent life to his family. He was employed as a small-time chef. With the income, he took care of his wife, two sons and their education. They lived in a rented kutchra house due to shortage of money. The house didn't have sufficient space for the family of four. Their children's safety, security and their education constantly kept him worried. The extreme weather conditions added to their woes. The deplorable condition made Ganapathy Anandham think of constructing a home for his family, but the financial constraints held him back.

He says, "A person can live without food, but not without a proper place of shelter. For a very long time, I wanted to build a pucca house for my wife and sons. I kept worrying about their future."

As he was trying hard to pursue his dreams, PMAY (U) came as a ray of hope in his life. With the financial assistance received under the Scheme, Ganapathy Anandham was able to build a house of his dreams for his family in Nagercoil, Kanyakumari district, **Tamil Nadu**. The pucca house completely transformed their lives. The home has given his two sons wings to fly. One of them wants to become a software engineer and the other is studying Bachelors in Business Administration.

"The pucca home has given my sons confidence to dream big and for me, that's a prized possession. I have also got a confidence to work more for the betterment of my family," Ganapathy Anandham says. He continues to work as a chef but is employed in a restaurant and earns a decent salary.

Unfortunately, his wife died of cancer last year. "My wife struggled all her life and when we were in a better position, she couldn't enjoy. My sons and I will regret this forever," he added.

However, Ganapathy Anandham and his two sons are now leading a happy life in their own home with the help of PMAY(U) Scheme.