

PHASSANG YATUP

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Phassang Yatup and her husband **Gyamar Maku** live in PTC Forest Colony, Banderdewa, Itanagar, **Arunachal Pradesh**, with their four children. The couple lived in a deplorable condition in a kuccha house with their family. They had been working hard for several years to put aside some money and build a pucca house that is comfortable and safe for their children. Gyamar is a daily wage earner. Due to the low income, they couldn't afford to pursue the dream of building the house. The expenses of the family made it difficult for them.

Phassang and Gyamar faced a lot of inconvenience in the kuccha house, especially during the extreme weather conditions. She says that her children constantly told them that they didn't like the house and wanted to move out.

"The desire to build a house was our only goal in order to provide a secured future to our children. Looking at their condition, it was frustrating for us to continue living in that space," Phassang Yatup explains.

As the couple looked for opportunities to build their own house, she came to know about Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY(U)] Soon, Phassang approached Itanagar Municipal Corporation to avail the benefits of the Scheme. Her application was approved and eventually, she was sanctioned a house. The couple built a pucca house with four rooms, along with basic amenities like kitchen and toilet facilities.

Mrs Phassang Yatup says, "It's been an emotional journey for us with ups and downs. The smiles on our children's faces explain how happy we are. Now, they are able to study properly and have big aspirations in life."

Phassang Yatup and Gyamar Maku are extremely thankful to the Government for the financial support. "It means a lot to have a permanent house that would last a lifetime," they say.