A discussion meeting on modalities for setting up of Incubation Centres at five selected Institutes was held on 30th April 2019 at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary & Mission Director (Housing for All), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India. JS&MD (HFA) briefed about the Construction Technology India 2019 (CTI-2019) Expo-cum-Conference of Global Housing Technology Challenge-India (GHTC-India) which witnessed the participation of number of technologies both in proven and potential categories. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the modalities for setting up of Incubation Centres along with operational framework. He briefed that winners of Potential Technology Providers, who would be receiving Incubation and Accelerator Support, are likely to be announced on 25th June 2019 on 4th Anniversary of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban (PMAY-(U)). The Deliberations included discussion on current Status, Infrastructure to be provided, preparation of guidelines etc. From MoHUA, Shri R.K Gautam, Director HFA, other officials and PMU experts participated. Participants from BMTPC, WRI and professors from IIT Roorkee, IIT Bombay, CSIR CBRI Roorkee, CSIR NEIST, Jorhat, MIT Medialabs were also present in the meeting.
Shri Jayakanthan is an Auto Driver living in Chennai with his wife, mother and two children. They feel proud in residing in their own home which is constructed with the financial assistance received under PMAY (U) and feel respectful in the society. They recall the time when they used to live in a (Kutcha) thatched hut in miserable living conditions without any civic amenities. When they came to know that under PMAY (U) they could build a new Pucca RCC roof house, they applied for financial assistance under PMAY (U). Their application was processed and they were given work order to construct a new Pucca RCC house. After that they started the construction of new house as financial assistance of Rs 2.10 lakh under PMAY (U) was released to them. He says that, as an Auto Driver, I could never dream of having a Pucca RCC house. Now I am living in my own house and consider this to be a miracle for my family. This house has given me a sense of pride and security. It has enhanced my respect in the society. Now my children don’t feel embarrassed to invite their friends to our house. He thanks Central & State Governments for transforming their life by providing dignified living.