

LALAM BLOCK PANCHAYATH

Story of Triumph

Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana(Gramin) 2017-18

Smt. T.M. Pennamma, Mutholi Grama Panchayath, Lalam Block, Kottayam

PMAY(G) Registration Id: KL 1106700

“A memory down the line to Cherish”

Mutholi is a place situated in Lalam Block Panchayath of Kottayam District. After getting her only daughter married off, Smt.Pennamma had been living in a small hut made of Silpaulin sheet that was in direct contact to natural disaster over the years due to unpredictable climate change.

Sixty Six years old Pennamma suffers from ailments due to old age, however she withstands hunger with the help of revised old age pensions provided by the state government and also from financial assistance from her daughter. She is a MGNREGS labor.

Smt. Pennamma had submitted several applications for the construction of a new house, but was rejected by the panchayath claiming that the land that she was currently living in was not in her name of possession. Pennamma was finally selected as a valid beneficiary of PMAY (G) in 2016-17, but the sanction was delayed due to the unavailability of legal documents to be produced. Sanction was later accorded to Smt. Pennamma after submission and verification of legal documents and the construction of her dream home commenced in June 2018, however the plan of the construction had to be foiled due to the unexpected floods that had hit Kerala. The silpaulin shed was destroyed and completely submerged in water making living difficult for Pennamma and she had to seek shelter at relief camps. The floods had come to an end in September and rejuvenation activities of PMAY (G) had accelerated their works in October 2018.



Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana(Gramin) is a dream project that reached to beneficiaries through Socio Economic Caste Census. On the other hand, many kind hearted neighboring people from different backgrounds had come forward with a helping hand during different stages of the construction.

The peculiarity of the land where Pennamma's previous house was located was that it remained 5 feet below the road level, making floods sink her home sooner. The first obstacle the constructors had to focus was to build a house in such a way that the floor must be equal to the road level. To overcome this dilemma, the concept of strong pillars were brought into action and constructed. These pillars laid the foundation towards the construction of a strong house that would be able to withstand any kind of upcoming natural disasters.



The project cost was divided between PMAY (G) paying Rs.120000/- in three installments and different stages of the construction, Rs.280000/- was paid by the Plan Fund of Thirthala

GramaPanchayath, MGNREGS played a vital role by providing 90 mandays of labor at a cost of Rs. 24390/- and further on, free services was provided by the humble and friendly neighbors for the completion of Pennamma's Dream Home.

The officers and administers of the District and Block Panchayath viz., The Project Director and The Block Development Officer played the crucial role in the construction process by inspecting at regular intervals and suggesting effective opinions for the timely completion of the project. The Village Extension Officer and the Housing Officer had extended their help to make the works easier by day to day inspection and further by bringing in people to perform mason works free of cost.

Smt. Pennamma's dream home had finally become a reality in January 2019. She can finally have a roof over her head and a shelter stay even at extreme conditions (if any) without the worry of wreckage. Smt. Pennamma has whole heartedly conveyed her sincere gratitude towards everyone who worked day in and out for the successful and cost effective completion of her dream home.


