

**1. Name of the asset:-** Construction of Cheek Dam near the land of Buddhiman Murasing, S/O Nityananda Murasing under Uttar Taibandal VC of Mohanbhog RD Block of Sepahijala District (Individual category of work)

**2. Name and Contact details of the beneficiary:-** Buddhiman Murasing, S/O Nityananda Murasing, Uttar Taibandal VC ,PO:- Taibandal, Block:- Mohanbhog, Sub-Sonamura, District:- Sepahijala, Tripura, Pin:- 799115.

**3. Estimated Cost:-** Rs. 1,41,564/-

**4. Financial year:-** 2019-20

**5. Introduction to work:-** The beneficiary, SriBuddhiman Murasing, is a poor marginal farmer under Uttar Taibandal Village of Mohanbhog R.D Block. He along with his wife and children are living in a remote hilly terrain area. The family had sufficient fellow land in and around their house. But the beneficiary could not do farming activity for his livelihood due to lack of irrigation facility and even the family members had to walk to another habitation for water which is required for daily activities like drinking, bathing, washing cloths and feeding cattle etc. He could able to do farming only in the rainy season and during other seasons, the family had to dependent on unskilled labour wage works under MGNREGA. Uttar Taibandal Village Committee had discussed the matter in Gram Sabha for extending help to the poor family and prepared a plan to preserve rainwater by constructing one check dam from MGNREGS in the ditch area of the beneficiary's land.

**6. Need for work:-** Due to lack of irrigation facility, Sri Buddhiman Murasing could not do farming in all the seasons and therefore, land in and around his house remain unutilised most of the time (except rainy season). Even any one of the family members had to spent considerable time to collect water from another habitation for daily activities. Being a daily wage earner, he had no other source of income though he is having considerable land which can be utilized for farming by improving irrigation facilities. Therefore, construction of check dam for conserving rain water will extend irrigation facilities as

well as resolve requirement of water for daily activities, agri-farming, fishery and feeding cattle etc. Also this will help neighbours who are also facing water scarcity to get water. Therefore, construction of check dam was necessary for that area.

**7. Challenges:-** Due to hilly terrain and hard soil, task of earth cutting was difficult for the un-skilled manual workers of MGNREGS. But they have successfully implemented the work.

**8. Implementation process:-** The shelf of work was approved by Gram Sabha. Accordingly work was implemented in FY 2019-20 within stipulated time by Uttar Taibandal VC of Mohanbhog Block and completed on **29/09/2019**. The Programme Officer (BDO), Mohanbhog RD Block has arranged convergence of PDF fund of Mohanbhog BAC and ATMA fund of agriculture department with MGNREGS to supply fish fingerlings and Areca nut sapling for plantation for further support to the beneficiary. Accordingly the beneficiary has planted the Areca nut near the Check dam area and started fishery in the water reservoir.

The beneficiary also started goat farming out of the income which he has received from selling of vegetables and fishes. Considering the enthusiasm and hard work of the beneficiary, Mohanbhog Block, in convergence with Animal resource department, has extended benefit of goat scheme for the family.

**9. Convergence:-**

- a. Construction of Check Dam, actual expenditure incurred Rs. 1,41,564/-.
- b. Supply of Areca nut sapling from Superintendent of Agriculture, Mohanbhog. Funded by ATMA scheme.
- c. Supply of fish fingerlings by Fishery department. Funded by panchayat development fund (PDF) of Mohanbhog Block advisory council (BAC).
- d. Rural backward development programme for goat under National Livestock Mission. (Implemented by Animal Resource department).

**10. Impact:-** Rain water conservation has been done successfully in the Check Dam. Water of Check Dam can be

used during the entire year for various activities. The beneficiary is farming various kinds of seasonal vegetable and fruits using the water. In addition to that, the water of Check Dam is also used by the nearby families for seasonal cropping in their lands.

Now Sri Buddhiman Murasing is one of the successful small fish farmers of the village and has sold fish of Rs. 50,000/- in first year. Areca nut plantation will also generate income within few years. Due to sufficient irrigation facilities available for various seasonal fruits and vegetables cultivation the family of Buddhiman Murasing is now self reliant in true sense after selling of agri products and fish in local market. The family also started goat farming out of their income.

**11. Before & after analysis:-** Earlier livelihood activities of beneficiary was dependable only on casual manual labour and seasonal farming but now the beneficiary is engaged in fish farming, seasonal fruit and vegetable cultivation, Arecanut plantation activities and goat farming. Instead of going to other habitations for work as daily labour, now the beneficiary and his wife are working in their own land and generating income for their livelihood.

**12. Testimonial of the beneficiary:-**

The beneficiary Sri Buddhiman Murasing has expressed satisfaction over successful implementation of the work and also for convergence of other schemes with MGNREGS. **This has been shown in 12 minutes documentary film** titled "**Jal Sakti -A film on success story of MGNREGA in Tripura**". Youtube link : <https://youtu.be/U7TJmD38yQ4>.



**Before condition  
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**After**

