

Title: Success Story on water storage tank to facilitate irrigation under RKVY scheme in respect of Dev. Block Gohar, Distt. Mandi (HP).

Category: Horticulture (Infrastructure development and water conservation).

Challenges: This story is about the farmer Sh. Brij Lal s/o of Balak Ram R/o Majwas P.O Deodhar. Before construction of water tank he was facing the problem of irrigation because of lack of proper equipment or structure for the water storage near his orchard and poly house. Although he was having land but was unable to utilize it for his livelihood due to no water or irrigation facility. High investment for the construction of water storage tank was also one of the major problem. Financial assistance provided by the department enabled him to construct the water storage tank near his polyhouse.

Initiative: The farmer was provided financial assistance of Rs. 56000 /- for creation of the water storage tank under the component of RKVY and he was given technical know-how from time to time.

Key results/insight/interesting fact:

- After construction of the tank farmer is having assured source of irrigation for his orchard/ poly house.
- He is utilizing the stored water efficiently through drip irrigation system.
- Due to assured irrigation facility the production of fruit in orchard and flower in polyhouse has not only increased many folds but also the quality has also been improved and resulted him good profit and uplifted his living standard overall.
- Before irrigation facility the farmer was earning 10000-15000 per year but now he is earning 2-2.5 lakh annually.
- After his initiative other farmers are also showing interest in such kind of schemes.

Impact: Diversified from traditional farming towards the modern and scientific techniques of farming. He is also encouraging other farmers to adopt related schemes from Horticulture Department.

Supporting Quotes and Images:

- Such project helps us in increasing our production. We are getting good returns. These should be continued in future also. (Sunder Lal R/o Kharsi) (neighbour).
- Farming is a difficult task but such kind of projects are helping us a lot in making our job easy and raising our living standards. (Leelu Ram R/o Takru) (neighbour).



Water storage tank