

## Backyard poultry for Self employment

I am landless and my family depends on wage labour. Staff from the M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation encouraged me to take up backyard poultry as part of Faming System for Nutrition and provided information about it. I learnt that eggs, chicken, pulses provide proteins and consumption of iron rich vegetables will reduce malnutrition. I decided to take up backyard poultry activity.

In 2016, I received 16 chicks of Vanraj, Giriraj, Swarnadhara and RIR breeds, an iron cage of size 3 x 2



feet and 25 kg feed for the birds; I paid INR 1500 as 50 per cent cost of the package.

Backyard poultry does not need too much time, but proper care, observation, timely feed, arrangement for clean water, cleaning and timely vaccination is required and I did all this.

In 5-6 months, the birds started laying eggs. Of the 16 birds, 7 were female and 9 were male. After egg production started, we started consuming eggs daily. Surplus eggs were sold in the village and also to people from other villages at INR 10 per egg. I started getting monthly income of INR 1000 to INR 1500 from sale of eggs.

I hatched eggs of Vanraj, Giriraj and Suvarndhara with local poultry birds and raised a second batch of birds. I got timely vaccination for the birds and guidance from M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Science University (MAFSU) and government veterinary doctor.

Now I give guidance to others on backyard poultry. Inspired by my experience, some other farmers have also started backyard poultry.



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Age : 56 years

Caste : Gowari (SBC)

Occupation : Poultry

Family size : 2 (adults)

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