

Intercropping Fetches a bumper Profit for Dhansing Majhi

Dhansing Majhi of Dhingiamunda village, is a happy man courtesy the wadi intervention programme. For the last four years, each year he has earned Rs. 30,000/- profit from selling Onion alone, from a 90 decimal patch in his wadi orchard of 3 acres. Prior to Wadi, he used to grow minor millets in his patch of land, which was meant for household consumption alone and was not remunerative at all. After he was chosen as a Wadi farmer in the second phase, with persuasion from the Agri Cell agent and with



input support (seeds) from Agri Cell, he started sowing Onion in his orchard. In addition to the profits he has made from the sale of arhar, he had sold mangoes worth Rs. 20,000/- last year for the first time. For the initial couple of year he had to manually fetch water from nearby sources for watering the plants.

When asked on what all he spent these earnings, he explains that with the first year profit, he took up the green fencing of his orchard by planting Subabul and Australian teaks at an expense of Rs.25,000/-. In the second year he dug a bore well by spending Rs. 45,000/-. The most critical expense for him though is the higher education of his children who have already moved out to other cities for higher education.