

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3794
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MODERNISATION OF IRRIGATION TANKS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development to expand its support to modernize 4,554 Panchayat Raj minor irrigation tanks in the State;
- (b) if so, whether the NABARD has agreed to extend its support for the proposed project; (
- (c) if so, the extent to which NABARD has extended its support;
- (d) the number of tanks proposed to be modernized under the proposed project; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

- (a): Yes, Sir. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has reported that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought a loan of Rs.100 crore under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for modernization of about 5000 Panchayat Ra minor irrigation tanks in the State.
- (b): NABARD has agreed to consider those projects for sanction wherein the works proposed would not be of maintenance nature and would require capital investment for bringing additional area under irrigation. .
- (c): NABARD has reported that the proposal has been appraised after conducting field study. The State Government has been advised to initially sponsor breached. tanks for bringing additional area under cultivation.
- (d): NABARD has further reported that the State Government has so far submitted 127 such proposals with a total outlay of Rs.408.7 lakh. The projects shall be further appraised after receipt of additional information.
- (e): The projects once sanctioned are expected to be completed within a period of three years from the date of sanction.