

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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NABARD ASSISTANCE TO BIHAR AND JHARKHAND  
RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY

**Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the NABARD have chalked out any plans for the rural artisan and Scheduled Tribes belonging to the State of Jharkhand particularly in the districts of Giridih, Bokaro and Dhanbad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the financial assistance provided to this State by the Bank under various schemes during the last three years; and
- (d) the number of people benefited under this scheme in Jharkhand during the above period?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL):

(a) and (b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) provides refinance support under investment credit to commercial banks, regional rural banks and co-operative banks in the country for financing various non-farm sector activities, including rural artisans, with a view to increasing credit flow to this sector. In addition refinance is also being extended to the Government sponsored programmes like Swarnajayanti Gram Swaraj Yojana, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, etc. Besides providing refinance facilities, NABARD has also taken a number of promotional initiatives for promoting rural artisans and scheduled tribes in the States of Jharkhand through District Rural Industries Project (DRIP), Rural Entrepreneurship Development Programmes and by adopting cluster approach for rural industrialization.

(c) and (d) The details of the refinance assistance provided by NABARD to the State of Jharkhand under various schemes during the last three years are given in the enclosed statement. In addition, NABARD has sanctioned loans to the State Government to the tune of Rs. 214.27 crore under various tranches of Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for creation of infrastructure projects viz. 72 irrigation projects, 2 rural bridges and 1 rural road. It is expected that 31,526 ha. of irrigation potential, 29,254 recurring employment generation and 46.32 lakh mandays of non-recurring, employment generation would accrue from these projects.