

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FUNDED BY NABARD
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether irrigation schemes like installation of shallow power pumps are being funded in Assam by NABARD;
- (b) if so, the loan/assistance given by NABARD to Assam, particularly to Nalbari, Barpeta and Bongaigaon districts of the State during the last three years; and
- (c) the details of other scheme funded by the Central Government for development of agriculture sector.

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR) :

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that they are providing loan to Government of Assam for one lakh shallow tubewells (STWs) under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)-V. NABARD has sanctioned Rs. 138 crore during 1999-2000 for the implementation of the above project. Under Phase-I of the project, 30,000 STWs in 18 districts were sanctioned and these have been reported to be installed. An amount of Rs. 35.39 crore has been released by NABARD to the State Government in respect of 25831 STWs. Under Phase-II of the project, 70,000 STWs with RIDF loan of Rs. 96.60 Crore have been sanctioned and the same are likely to be implemented during the current financial year. The details of the loan sanctioned and released for installation to STWs in Barpeta, Bongaigaon and Nalbari districts are given below:

{Rs. Crore}

SI.	District	No. of STWs sanctioned	RIDF loan sanctioned (1999-2000)	RIDF loan released
1.	Barpeta	6,600	9.10	2.74
2.	Bongaigaon	6,200	8.56	1.73
3.	Nalbari	2,000	8.97	1.83

NABARD has reported that prior to the above sanctions in 1999-2000, there were no sanctions in earlier years.

(c) In addition to the above, NABARD has provided refinance facilities to banks in the State of Assam for their lending under farm sector and non-farm sector activities including Government sponsored schemes like Integrated Rural Development Programme (renamed as Swarnajayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana), Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana (PMRY), SC/ST Action Plan, etc. The details of the refinance assistance provided by NABARD during the last three years for these programmes are given below:

(Rs. in Lakh)

Year	IRDP (SGSY) Action Plan	PMRY	SC/ST
1997-98	1777.16	4622.61	156.53

1998-99	2684.84	5836.25	108.74
1999-2000	1507.68	3523.20	69.27