

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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SELF HELP GROUPs
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Self Help Groups covered by NABARD for poverty alleviation during 1999-2000 in West Bengal;
- (b) whether the Government propose to cover more number of Self Help Groups during 2000-2001; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, West Bengal in particular?

Answer

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

- (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that during the year 1999-2000 it has disbursed refinance amounting to Rs. 169.62 lakhs in West Bengal for 2317 Self Help Groups (SHGs) in West Bengal.
- (b) and (c) The Finance Minister has in his Budget Speech indicated that during the year 2000-2001, an additional one lakh SHGs would be covered/credit linked. Many of them are likely to be in West Bengal.