

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5129  
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FUNDING THROUGH NABARD  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has recently launched any scheme for rural infrastructure including drinking water scheme for 14 States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the name of States;
- (c) the amount of loan sanctioned by NABARD in this regard; and
- (d) the extent to which it is likely to help in developing the rural areas of the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned rural drinking water supply projects to Sikkim under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)-V and to Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab under RIDF-VI respectively. The details of the amount sanctioned for these States are given below;

State	Tranche	No. of Projects Sanctioned	Amount (Rs.lakh)
Sikkim	RIDF-V	5	237.12
Andhra Pradesh	RIDF-VI	8	4511.14
Goa	RIDF-VI	9	216.86
Haryana	RIDF-VI	58	3938.67
Himachal Pradesh	RIDF-VI	30	1991.35
Punjab	RIDF-VI	148	5375.74
Total		255	16270.88

(d) It is expected that the water supply projects would provide safe drinking water to the villages in the States. This would check the spread of water borne diseases in these villages to a large extent. The projects would also improve the health of milch cattle due to availability of safe drinking water for the animals and improve milk yield and boost dairing activities. The time saved from fetching water would be utilised for on-farm and off-farm activities and education purposes by children.