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PERFORMANCE OF NABARD
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has reviewed the performance of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in various States during each of the last three years and the current year including Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(c) the number of projects sanctioned and approved by NABARD during each of the last three years and the current year in the country, State-wise;

(d) the details of difficulties,if any,faced in the implementation of the said projects, State-wise;and

(e) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) & (b): The Government of India and Reserve Bank of India (RBI),the two shareholders of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), supervise the working of NABARD on a regular basis.Besides,RBI conducted financial inspection of NABARD during the period from 21.01.2008 to 11.03.2008 with reference to the financial position as on 31.03.2007.

(c): The State-wise position of number of projects and RIDF loan sanctioned and disbursed by NABARD during the last three years and the current year,including Gujarat State,is given at Annex.

(d) & (e): There are general factors across the States constraining implementation of projects, viz.,delay in administrative and technical approval by the State Governments,land acquisition problems,delay in clearances and tendering process,inadequate budgetary support at State level, lack of coordination among implementing departments,etc. Performance of Gujarat has been much above the average.

The High Power Committee (HPC) chaired by the Chief Secretary of the respective State meets at frequent intervals,at least 4 times in a year,to review the project implementation to facilitate the pace of work.There is a multi-tier review and monitoring mechanism in place to steer the project implementation.