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NABARD ASSISTANCE TO PHCS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) is assisting the Government of Gujarat in the construction of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the State;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of PHCs likely to be constructed in Gujarat with the assistance of NABARD during the Eleventh Plan period; and
- (d) the amount proposed to be given by NABARD to Gujarat for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Construction of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) is an eligible activity for financing under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for which National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is the nodal Government Agency for implementation.

NABARD has received a proposal from Government of Gujarat on 19 January 2009 for a loan under RIDF to construct 80 Primary health Centres, 395 Sub Centres and 6 Community Health Centres, with a project cost of Rs.115.87 crore. The proposal is to be examined and sanctioned as per the normative allocation of Gujarat under RIDF.