

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ACQUISITION OF RBI'S STAKE IN NABARD
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to take over the shares held by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD);
- (b) if so, the time by which such take over will be commenced;
- (c) the opinion of RBI to relinquish such shares and its representation in the Board of NABARD;
- (d) whether the Government has decided to off-load part of NABARD shares into the market making way for privatization of a premier Agri-finance like NABARD; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Namu Narain Meena)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Government of India (GoI), in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), had decided to take-over 72.5 % of the overall shareholding in the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), presently held by RBI, thus taking GoI's holding in NABARD to 100%.

Meanwhile, RBI has requested the Government that due to the impact of recent global crisis and operational exigencies status quo may be maintained for some more time.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.