

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SUBJECT: HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided financial assistance to the National Housing Bank during the last three years; and
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

To be answered by The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance(Shri Namo Narain Meena)

(a) & (b): Reserve Bank of India (RBI) provided financial assistance to National Housing Bank (NHB) of Rs.2000 crore each in the year 2008-09 and 2009-10 under Rural Housing Fund. Further, in terms of package announced on 11.12.2008, RBI allocated a refinance facility of Rs. 4000 crore to NHB in order to provide liquidity support to Housing Finance Companies. This facility is available under the Liquidity Adjustment Facility of RBI for a period of 90 days. The scheme will remain in operation up to 31.3.2010.

Besides above, as per Budget Announcement 2009-10, a provision of Rs.1000 crore was made for the scheme of 1% interest subvention on housing loans up to Rs.10 lakhs where the cost of house does not exceed Rs.20 lakhs. This scheme will remain in operation upto 31.3.2011. A Budgetary provision of Rs.700 crore has been made in the year 2010-11.