GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINANCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4752 ANSWERED ON:23.04.2010 CONSOLIDATION OF MFIS Naranbhai Shri Kachhadia

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the lending procedure adopted by Government has lead to the Consolidation of Micro Finance Institutes (MFIs);
- (b) if so, the details of the MFIs lending State-wise and Institution-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to synchronize the Self-Help-Groups and MFIs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b): National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) provides capital support to MFIs to strengthen their capital base and to enable them to leverage funds from financial institutions. NABARD also provides Revolving Fund Assistance (RFA) support to MFIs for on-lending to the poor, either individually or in the group mode. The institution wise data on lending by banks to MFIs for onward lending to borrowers for the country as a whole is as under:

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Agency Years Amount of loan Loan Outstanding against disbursed to NGOs/ NGOs/ MFIs as on 31 March MFIs
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No. of Amount No. of Amount Percentage
MFIs (Rs crore) MFIs (Rs crore) Recovery of
loans range
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Commercial 2007-08 497 1,968.60 1,072 2,745.24 82-100 Banks 2008-09 522 3,718.93 1,762 4,977.89 70-100 (Public % growth 5.0 88.9 64.4 81.3 and Private)

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Regional 2007-08 8 1.51 24 3.58 90-100
Rural Banks 2008-09 59 13.40 153 31.20 87-100
(RRBs) % growth 637.5 787.4 537.5 7715
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Coop. 2007-08 13 0.04 13 0.02 100 Banks 2008-09 0 0 0 0 NA % growth NA NA NA NA NA Total 2007-08 518 1,970.15 1,109 2,748.84 2008-09 581 3,732.33 1,91 55,009.09 % growth 12:2 89.4 72 7 82.2 _

(c) to (e): A Self Help Group (SHG) is a group of about 10 to 20 persons from a homogenous background who come together voluntarily for addressing the common socio-economic problems including credit. MFIs on the other hand are a delivery mechanism for providing credit services to the poor with financial support from external donors and financial institutions. They borrow from financial institutions for on-lending to either individuals or in group mode. As such there is no bar on MFIs meeting the credit needs of the SHGs.