

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES OF NABARD
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) proposes to launch Tribal Development Programmes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including West Bengal, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand etc.; and
- (c) the Government's reaction thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that it is supporting Tribal Development Projects by providing sustainable livelihood to tribal families mainly through tree based farming system/ development of small orchards called WADIs. NABARD has been supporting these projects since 2005-06 from its Tribal Development Fund (TDF) created out of its own resources for the purpose. The details of Projects sanctioned, No. of families covered, assistance sanctioned & amount disbursed under TDF in various states during last three years is as under:

Year	No. of projects	Number of Families Sanctioned	Number of Families Covered	NABARD Assistance sanctioned (Rs. crore)	TDF Assistance Disbursed (Rs. crore)
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2007-08	16	14538	49.20	10.68	
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2008-09	74	61924	202.87	28.05	
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2009-10	79	63113	236.19	53.52	
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2010-11	16	15664	62.44	16.95	
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(upto June 2010)

The State wise details including West Bengal, Orissa, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand are given in Annex.

NABARD has reported that keeping in view of the success of the WADI projects, the Government of India (GoI), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, have advised all State Governments to consider adoption of WADI (small orchard) approach of development for improving livelihood of Scheduled Tribes. Two State Governments i.e. West Bengal and Meghalaya have adopted the model sanctioned in their States and are contributing 50% cost in two & one projects respectively.