

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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SELF HELP GROUPS IN MAHARASHTRA  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of self help groups in Maharashtra run and funded by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) and District Rural Development Cell (DRDC);
- (b) whether the number of such rural development agencies, cells and NGOs has risen in the last few years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State wise; and
- (d) the manner in which these Agencies/NGOs are helping in implementation of Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN `ADITYA`)

- (a): As per information furnished by Government of Maharashtra and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), 2,93,958 Self Help Groups (SHGs) have been promoted by the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) and NABARD.
- (b) & (c): As reported by NABARD, under the SHG - Bank Linkage Programme, NABARD partners increasingly with Non-Governmental Agencies (NGOs). As on 31-03-2010, NABARD has partnered with 261 NGOs in the State of Maharashtra. Details of State wise NABARD NGOs operating as on 31-03-2010 is given at Annexure.
- (d): Under SGSY, the services of NGOs/Voluntary Agencies / Community Based Organizations can be used as facilitators for motivation, group formation, training and capacity building and handholding of SHGs.