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NABARD'S WELFARE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has launched any scheme for the welfare of women in rural areas during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Orissa;
- (c) the details of the amount provided to the said schemes during the said period; and
- (d) the details of the number of women benefited under the said scheme during the said period?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that in the last three years no new scheme for the welfare of women in the rural areas has been launched by NABARD. However, existing programmes like the Self Help Group (SHG) Bank Linkage Programme, incentive support to Self Help Promoting Institutions (SHPI) and Micro Enterprise Development Programme mainly cover women beneficiaries. One programme which has been introduced in the year 2006 and refined in 2009 is a scheme for Joint Liability Groups for the benefit of small /marginal/tenant farmers/oral lessees/share croppers, etc, to avail of loans from banks for carrying out agricultural activities and also pursuing non farm sector activities. This scheme also covers women.

The State-wise details of the bank loans outstanding to SHGs (including those in Orissa) for the last three years are annexed. Women SHGs comprise over 80% of the groups detailed at the Annex.