

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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CREDIT TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the farmers are borrowing from the Micro-Finance Institutions due to poor credit to farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard for the remaining period of Eleventh Five Year Plan?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The annual credit flow of the Scheduled Commercial Banks to agriculture and allied activities has increased from 3.01 lakh crores in 2008-09 to 4.46 lakh crores in 2010-11. Simultaneously the loans disbursed by Public Sector Banks to the Micro Finance Institutions has increased from Rs. 470.82 crore in 2008 to Rs. 4300.74 crore in 2010 (source: NABARD).

State-wise details of agriculture credit flow including Andhra Pradesh for the last three years are given in Annex.