

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NABARD S ASSISTANCE TO RURAL ARTISANS
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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 formulated any scheme specially for backward and rural artisans; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has formulated two schemes viz. Artisans Guild and Market Oriented Training exclusively for Rural Artisans. Besides this, NABARD's other promotional initiatives also have a major component of skill development, marketing and support which cater to the needs of the Backward and Rural artisans.