

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5038  
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SUBSIDIZED LOANS TO TRIBAL ARTISANS  
Ponnam Shri Prabhakar

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide subsidized loans to tribals for development of tribal art;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor, alongwith the time by which such loans are likely to be provided to the said people?

**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) does not have any scheme/proposal for providing subsidized loans to tribals for development of Tribal Art. However, NABARD provides promotional support by way of grant assistance for capacity building and marketing initiatives which includes Tribal Artisans also.