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RAISING OF FUNDS BY NABARD
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) proposes to raise huge funds for rural development in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount earmarked for this purpose, project-wise, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): For supporting all round rural development, Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) was set up in 1995-96. The Fund is managed by NABARD at national level. The Fund is contributed by Scheduled Commercial Banks, falling short of meeting their mandatory-lending targets for priority sector/agriculture. The corpus of RIDF is announced annually in Union Budget and State-wise allocations are made on the basis of the corpus of each tranche and set norms. So far, loans amounting to Rs. 88,359.09 crore have been sanctioned by NABARD to various State Governments through 14 RIDF tranches for implementing different types of rural infrastructure projects. Besides, a separate component under RIDF has also been constituted since 2006-07 for implementation of rural roads component of Bharat Nirman for which Rs. 12,000 crore has been disbursed during the last three years.

The State-wise details of projects sanctioned under RIDF XIV (2008-09) are annexed. There is no provision of purpose-wise or project-wise allocations under the Fund and the projects are selected from a list of existing 31 activities.