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QUESTION ASSISTANCE TO SHGS OF SCS STS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the government has any special schemes for granting financial assistance to self help groups (SHGs) of scheduled tribes and scheduled castes women;
- (b) if so, the details of the schemes; and
- (c) the criteria followed to grant financial assistance to SHGs of the SC and ST communities?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) aims for universal social mobilization through formation of Self Help Groups (SHGs) so as to ensure that at least one member of each rural BPL household, preferably a woman member of the household, is brought under the Self Help Group (SHG) net.

It provides for adequate coverage of vulnerable sections of the society such that 50% of the beneficiaries are SC/STs, while keeping in view the ultimate target of 100% coverage of Below Poverty Line families.

Under the programme Capital subsidy ceiling is applicable, both for members of SHGs and individual beneficiaries @Rs. 15,000 per general category and Rs. 20,000 per SC/ST.

In the year 2011-12, of the 16.7 lakh beneficiaries, 7.89 lakh beneficiaries were SC/ST.