

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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QUESTION NABARD CONSULTANCY GROUP
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NABARD has appointed a consultancy group for its restructuring exercise;
- (b) if so, the reasons for hiring a foreign agency instead of IIM, Ahmadabad which is involved in creation of NABARD and the amount paid to hire the foreign agency; and
- (c) the details of the report/recommendations made by the consultancy group?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): M/S. Boston Consulting Group (BCG) India Pvt. Ltd. was assigned the consultancy assignment for 'Repositioning of NABARD' after following the prescribed procedures and with the approval of the competent authority. The consultancy assignment was given to the agency at the cost of Rs.13.23 crore.

The consultancy assignment was for handholding of NABARD in piloting the new business initiatives. NABARD had implemented the following initiatives:-

- # NABARD Infrastructure Development Assistance (NIDA)
- # Short Term Multi purpose Credit Product for Cooperative Banks
- # Support to Producers Organisations (POs) under Producer Organisation Development Fund (PODF)
- # Core Banking Solution (CBS)