

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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QUESTION NABARD SCHEME TO SHGS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes for providing support to self help groups by the NABARD; and
(b) the details of special schemes of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and women Self Help Groups?

Answer

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

(a): National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that it provides grant support to Non Government Organizations (NGO), Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs), Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs), Farmers' Clubs, Individual Rural Volunteers (IRVs) for promoting SHGs. The quantum of grant assistance being provided to these agencies is as under:

Agency	Quantum of grant assistance/ SHG (Rs.)
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NGOs	7000
RRB / DCCB / UCB	3500
Farmers' Clubs/Village Watershed Committees/Village Wadi Committees	1600
Individual Rural Volunteers	1200

Besides, NABARD also provides grant assistance for training, capacity building, skill upgradation, exposure visits etc., of the SHG members and other stake holders.

Further, a scheme for promotion and financing of Women Self Help Groups (WSHG) is being implemented by NABARD across 150 backward and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts of the country. The scheme aims at saturating the districts with viable and self sustainable WSHGs by involving anchor NGOs/support agencies who shall promote and facilitate credit linkage of these groups with banks, provide continuous handholding support, enable their journey for livelihoods and also take responsibility for loan repayments.

(b): NABARD has reported that a sizeable portion (83%) of the SHG-Bank Linkage Programme covers SC/ST and other backward clients. However, NABARD does not have any separate scheme for scheduled castes, scheduled tribes.