

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5093
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2013
SELF HELP GROUP DEVELOPMENT FUND
Shivanagouda Shri Shivaramagouda

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has created/ proposes to create women`s Self Help Group Development Fund;
- (b) if so, the details and its objectives thereof; and
- (c) the funds sanctioned, released and utilisation reported by various States/UTs since inception of the said fund?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes Sir, the Government has created a fund called `Women SHGs Development Fund`

The objective of the fund is to empower women and promote their Self Help Groups (SHGs). The Women SHGs Development Fund is focussed on promotion and credit linkage of women SHGs in backward regions where the progress of SHG Bank Linkage is slow. The programme is being implemented in 150 identified backward districts including Left Wing Extremism (LWE) districts. The fund is being operated by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

(c) Government of India has released an amount of Rs.100 crore in the year 2011-12 from the fund. NABARD has reported that as on 31.03.2013 an amount of Rs.16.89 crore has been spent on promotion, training and capacity building of these SHGs across the country. State-wise position under the scheme is given in Annexure.