

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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NABARD ASSISTANCE TO COOPERATIVE BANKS  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has launched /proposes to launch any scheme for providing financial assistance to cooperative banks operating in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the purpose for which such assistance is provided; and
- (c) the details of such assistance provided during each of the last three years and the current year, bank and State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development(NABARD) provides financial assistance/operational support to cooperative banks under Financial Inclusion Fund(FIF) and Financial Inclusion Technology Fund(FITF) for various purposes such as support for Information & Communications Technology(ICT) solutions, use of ATMs by Kisan Credit Card(KCC) customers, financial assistance for conduct of financial literacy/awareness programmes, capacity building of banks' staff/Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies(PACS), setting up of Financial Literacy Centres(FLCs) and adoption of Core Banking Solutions(CBS) etc.

In addition, keeping in view the mandate of NABARD for development and strengthening of Cooperative Credit Structure(CCS) through institutional measures, a dedicated Cooperative Development Fund(CDF) has been created by NABARD, out of its profit, to enhance capacities and credit delivery capabilities of cooperative banks and PACS. Under CDF, the NABARD provided following financial assistance to cooperative banks and PACS during the last three years:-

| Year    | Amount (Rs. In lakhs) |
|---------|-----------------------|
| 2010-11 | 605.33                |
| 2011-12 | 535.41                |
| 2012-13 | 2187.38               |

The State/UT-wise details of assistance provided under FIF/FITF to cooperative banks during the last three years and the current year are given in Annexures I & II.