

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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LOANS TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has given any financial assistance package for waiving off the loans of farmers during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details of the amount provided for this purpose, State-wise and bank-wise:
- (c) the names of the banks which have given loans to the farmers out of such financial assistance alongwith the number of beneficiaries, state-wise including Maharashtra;
- (d) whether the Government has allocated the amount to the banks as per the announcement; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and bank-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The Government of India implemented Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme (ADWDRS), 2008 which aimed at de-clogging the line of credit that were clogged due to the debt burden on the farmers and to entitle these farmers for fresh credit. All agricultural loans disbursed by Public Sector Banks, Private Sector Banks, Cooperative Banks, Local Area Banks and Regional Rural Banks between 01 April 1997 to 31 March 2007 to farmers, overdue as on 31 December 2007 and remaining unpaid upto 28 February 2008 were eligible for Debt Waiver/Debt Relief. The Debt Waiver portion of the Scheme was closed on 30.06.2008. The Debt Relief portion of the Scheme was closed on 30.06.2010. The bank wise details of implementation of the Scheme in respect of Public Sector Banks, Private Sector Banks and Local Area Banks are given in Annex-I. The State wise details in respect of Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks are given in Annex-II. The Government of India (GoI) has so far released an amount of Rs. 52419.88 crore to the lending institutions as reimbursement under the Scheme.