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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 any scheme for poor farmers who cultivate medicinal plants and flowers in various States of the country including Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which the farmers are likely to be benefited through the said scheme?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that it does not have any special scheme for farmers, who cultivate medicinal plants and flowers in various States of the country including Madhya Pradesh. However, NABARD has been propagating cultivation of medicinal plants and flowers throughout the country. It has prepared model schemes for cultivation of medicinal crops and flowers and placed them in the NABARD website (www.nabard.org) for the benefit of farmers.