

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WOMEN SELF HELP GROUPS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a): the number of women self-help groups functioning in the country alongwith the achievements made by them under various women empowerment schemes during the last three years and the current year so far, State-wise and scheme-wise; and

(b): the number of women benefitted therefrom during the above said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) & (b) Several Ministries and Departments of the Government of India, apart from State Governments and civil society organizations are engaged in promoting formation of self help groups (SHGs) including those for women through various scheme like SGSY, Swaymsidha, SHG bank linkages programme etc. NABARD alone has disbursed loans of Rs.5677.36 Crores to 9,57,920 women's self help groups in 2006-07, Rs.7474.26 Crores to 10,40,996 women's self help groups in 2007-08 and Rs.10527.38 Crores to 13,74,579 women's self help groups in 2008-09. The Ministry of Women & Child Development had a programme which was in operation between 2000-01 to 2007-08 under which 69,803 women self help groups were formed. The State wise details of the women's self help groups formed and the achievements of the programme are available in the annual reports of the Ministry, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.