

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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LOAN FOR SELF HELP GROUPS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the provision of bank loan for Self Help Groups under Aajeevika programme has been extended to new districts;
- (b) if so, the details of the new districts and the benefits that these districts have accrued from the provision of the new facility, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to extend and expand the scheme to any further districts in this fiscal year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Currently Aajeevika program is functioning in 350 districts across the country in 1807 blocks under intensive approach. In 2014-15, the total credit flow is Rs.9148.42 crore to 3,15,609 SHGs as per State-wise details given in Annexure-I. The Self Help Groups in these districts have been provided with training and capacity building, revolving fund (RF) and Community Investment Fund (CIF) besides interest subvention for prompt repayment.

(c)& (d): The State-wise additional districts and blocks proposed to be added under Aajeevika during the fiscal year 2015-16 is given in the Annexure-II.