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NABARD PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the programmes and public awareness campaigns launched by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the funds allocated and utilized for the implementation of the ongoing/ pending projects and programmes during the last three years and current year, Statewise/Union territory-wise;
- (c) the details of the programmes implemented by NABARD in the country, State/ UT-wise including Bihar;
- (d) whether NABARD has provided financial assistance to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for the implementation of various programmes and projects especially under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (e) : The programmes and public awareness campaigns launched by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) are generally in furtherance of the various policies enunciated by the Government, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and NABARD.

For the purpose of empowering and creating awareness of various stakeholders and rural public at large, NABARD is, inter alia, implementing various programmes across the country, including Bihar, such as Self Help Group (SHG) Bank Linkage Programme, Women Self Help Group Scheme (WSHG), financing of five lakh Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) of 'Bhoomi Heen Kisan' and Financial Literacy Programme under Financial Inclusion initiatives etc.

As on 31.12.2014, Rs. 44.27 crore has been utilized out of the Women Self Help Group Development Fund maintained by NABARD as grant to anchor NGOs under the WSHG programme. In addition, NABARD also provides grant assistance to banks and other Joint Liability Group Promoting Institutions (JLPs) for formation, nurturing and financing of new JLGs. NABARD has also sanctioned 1104 Financial Literacy Centres (FLCs) and 371 FLCs have been opened by banks. Under Swachha Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Mission) of Government, the NABARD in association with its partner agencies has launched Mass Awareness Campaigns to draw the attention of rural population on 'Swachha Bharat Abhiyan'. The related expenditure, subject to a maximum of Rs. 10,000 per awareness rally organized is being reimbursed to NGOs by NABARD.

The details of grant assistance extended by NABARD to various agencies including NGOs, State-wise, are given in Annexure-I (IA to IF), Annexure-II & Annexure-III.