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NABARD Schemes for Women  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether NABARD is running any scheme for the welfare of women of rural areas in the country;  
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra;  
(c) the details of funds provided to Maharashtra under these schemes during the last three years; and  
(d) the number of women benefited under these schemes during the last three years?

**Answer**

(MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE)

(a): The following schemes are being implemented by NABARD for the welfare of women in rural areas-

I. The Self Help Group -Bank Linkage Programme (SHG -BLP) is a cost effective mechanism primarily to deliver financial services to poor women as also to promote livelihood activities.

â€¢ Under SHG-BLP, micro finance facilities i.e provision of financial services like savings, credit, insurance, remittance, mortgage and pension in small denomination is extended to women of low income and marginalized households.

â€¢ This Programme continues to be the largest micro finance programme with an outreach of more than 10 crore rural households.

â€¢ Cumulatively, over 35.94 lakh stake holders have been trained by NABARD as on 31 March 2016 which include among others women SHG leaders and members.

II. A scheme for promotion and financing of Women Self Help Groups (WSHG) in association with Gol is being implemented across 150 backward and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts of the country.

III. Micro Enterprise Development Programme (MEDP) initiated since 2006 under which SHG members are trained in livelihood activities such as bee-keeping, mushroom cultivation, horticulture and floriculture, vermi-compost etc. As on 31 March 2016, 4.02 lakh trainees from matured SHGs, mostly women have been trained at a cost of Rs. 39.04 crore.

(b): The state-wise details including that of Maharashtra are given in Annexure I, II & III.

(c): The details of support provided in Maharashtra under Self Help Promoting Institution (SHPI) and Women Self Help Group Programme (WSHG) during the last three years are as under:

(Amt. Rs. Lakh)

Year	Support for SHPI	Support under WSHG	Support for Training	Total
2013-14	217.21	99.03	1322.35	1638.59
2014-15	250.22	158.49	1351.97	1760.68
2015-16	123.08	207.70	1324.39	1655.17
TOTAL	590.51	465.22	3998.71	5054.44

Source: NABARD

(d): The number of women benefitted under SHG BLP (including WSHG) scheme during the last three years is as under:

Year No. of Women benefitted @

2013-14 8.1 crore

2014-15 8.6 crore

2015-16 8.7 crore

. @ Extrapolated assuming 13 members per SHG

Source: NABARD