

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE THROUGH NABARD TO WOMEN

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**Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) the assistance being provided to poor women living in rural areas of each State by NABARD through its programmes, State-wise; and

(b) the number of districts covered under these programmes in each State alongwith the prog ram me-wise details of number of women provided assistance during the last two years?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL):

(a) and (b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that it provides refinance facilities for approved purposes to the banks in respect of their on lending to the farm and non-farm activities which are gender neutral. However, it also has exclusive promotional schemes for development of women. The State-wise details of the assistance provided under the Assistance to the Rural Women in Non-Farm Development (ARWIND) scheme and the assistance provided under the Marketing of Non-Farm Products of Rural Women (MAHIMA) Scheme indicating the districts covered are given in the enclosed Statements I & II respectively. In addition, financial assistance is also extended to the banks for setting up of Women Development Cells (WDCs) in Regional Rural Banks and Co-operative Banks. State-wise details of the 97 such cells supported by NABARD are given in the enclosed Statement-III. Further, under the Self-Help Group programme, about 4,15,330 women SHGs have been formed benefiting about 70,60,613 women.