

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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PERFORMANCE OF NABARD
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have reviewed the performance of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development in various States during the last three years, particularly in the State of Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of lacunae, if any, found in the implementation of the State projects; and
- (d) the details of the projects sanctioned during the last two years alongwith the locations thereof and the number of such projects sanctioned/approved by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, State-wise, particularly in Himachal Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) The activities of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) are monitored by Government on an on-going basis. An in depth review of its operations is conducted by its Board of Directors comprising amongst others, senior representatives from the Ministries of Finance, Agriculture and Rural Development and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The activities of NABARD are also reviewed by the Central Board of Directors of RBI every year. An annual review of NABARD's activities is also tabled in Parliament alongwith the annual report of the institution. The details of the State-wise refinance assistance provided and the loans given to State Governments including the State of Himachal Pradesh for the last three years are given in the Statement-I enclosed.

(c) NABARD has reported that deficiencies observed in the implementation of projects under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) in States include, inter-alia, inadequate budgetary provision, poor progress in implementation, non-receipt of project completion reports, delay in land acquisition, low level of draws, deviation from approved estimates, inadequate monitoring, etc.

(d) The State-wise details of the RIDF projects cleared during the last two years are given in the Statement-II enclosed. The details of the RIDF projects sanctioned/approved by NABARD in Himachal Pradesh during the last two years are given in the Statement-III enclosed.