

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6290  
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LOANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES IN ORISSA  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to provide loan for construction of houses to the people affected by the super cyclone in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the number of persons to whom such loans have been distributed by the banks during the current financial year; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL):

(a) to (c) The UCO Bank, Convenor of State Level Banker's Committee (SLBC) for the State of Orissa has reported that the housing loan disbursed by banks in the cyclone affected State of Orissa is as under:

Name of the bank Housing loan

NO. Amount (Rs.in lakhs) Allahabad Bank 19 34.75 Andhra Bank 16 15.85 Bank of India 14 14.51 Bank of Baroda 20 26.36 Punjab National Bank 33 19.75 Syndicate Bank 41 11.33 Union Bank of India 03 01.90 United Bank of India 02 00.35 UCO Bank 29 23.54 Baitarani Gramya Bank 06 00.62 Puri Gramya Bank 37 58.72 Total: 220 207.68

Further, UCO Bank has disbursed Rs. 4 crores to Orissa Rural Housing Development Corporation for extending housing loan to construct houses in flood affected areas of Orissa.

The National Housing Bank (NHB), under a special dispensation has decided to extend finance assistance to the extent of Rs. 100 crore to the Scheduled Commercial Banks in respect of their lending for housing in cyclone affected areas of Orissa for a period of one year i.e. up to December 31, 2000 at concessional rate of interest. Besides, the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) has approved the State Govt. of Orissa's proposal for financial assistance of Rs. 1112.50 crores for repairs/reconstruction of houses damaged by cyclone.