

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the thrust areas of the NABARD and the details of the national priorities before NABARD:
- (b) whether NABARD has been successful in implementing its national priorities in these thrust areas;
- (c) if so. the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) Since its inception in 1982, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has been making concerted efforts to provide and facilitate adequate credit support to agriculture and other rural activities. Its main thrust areas are to facilitate credit flow for agriculture and rural development, promote and support policies, practices and innovations conducive to rural development, strengthen rural credit delivery system through institutional development measures, supervise rural financial institutions like cooperative banks and regional rural banks, etc. NABARD has also been implementing programmes of national priorities as reflected in the Government's policy announcements from time to time like Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), Watershed Development, Micro-finance through Self-Help Groups (SHGs), introduction of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme and Self-employment schemes, etc.

(b) and (c) During the last few years, NABARD has been playing an active role to fulfil objectives enshrined in the preamble of the NABARD Act, 1981. It has also been pursuing the national priorities by way of designing appropriate schemes, advising the banks, monitoring and reviewing their progress and reporting to the Government. The achievements of NABARD under various programmes of national priorities have been indicated in the attached statements indicating its performance in the flow of ground level credit for agriculture (Statement-I), assistance under RIDF (Statement-II) and Kisan Credit Card Scheme (Statement-III).