

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SELF HELP GROUP BANK- LINKAGE PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether NABARD has been implementing a strategic action plan under Self-Help Group-Bank Linkage Programme in various States particularly in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details of banks linked with S.H.Gs;
- (c) the State-wise number of persons benefited therefrom; and
- (d) the achievements made under the Programme?

**Answer**

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

- (a) and (b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that it has been implementing a strategic action plan under Self-Help Group (SHG) Bank Linkage Programme in Gujarat through the active participation of its Regional Office at Ahmedabad and the various District Offices. Under the same, 4929 SHGs were provided cumulative bank loan to the tune of Rs. 639.11 lakhs in Gujarat as on 31 March 2001.
- (c) As reported by NABARD, the state-wise number of SHGs provided with bank loan as on 31-3-2001 is at Statement enclosed.
- (d) As on 31 March 2001, a cumulative number of 263825 SHGs were credit linked by NABARD in the country involving bank loan of Rs. 48087.90 lakhs. The cumulative refinance provided by NABARD worked out to Rs. 40074.51 lakhs.