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LOANS THROUGH NABARD FOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise amount of loan sanctioned by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development for irrigation projects during the last three years;
- (b) the terms and conditions for the above mentioned loan; and
- (c) the extent to which the above mentioned loan is going to fulfil the requirements of irrigation projects of various States?

Answer

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

(a) The State-wise details of loans sanctioned to State Governments under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for irrigation projects during the last three years are given in Statement-I. Further, NABARD also extends refinance support to banks against their lending to agriculture including minor irrigation activities. The State-wise details of NABARD assistance in this regard are given in Statement-II.

(b) The general terms and conditions for RIDF loan for the irrigation projects are given in Statement-III. The terms and conditions of sanction under refinance support for minor irrigation activities are given in Statement-IV.

(c) The details of the number of total projects sanctioned under RIDF and the potential created in the irrigation sector during the last three years are indicated below:

Year	No. of Projects	Potential Created
	(In Hectares)	
1998-99	438	405572
1999-2000	101736	850802
2000-2001	26215	437077

The refinancing of the minor irrigation projects have resulted in increase in command area under irrigation with a consequent increase in production, income and employment.