

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3996
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2001
CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS IN RURAL AREAS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NABARD is giving loan to State Governments for construction of roads and bridges especially in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the State-wise total loans given by NABARD during the last three years for the purpose;
- (c) the rate of interest being charged by NABARD presently on such loans to State Governments; and
- (d) the steps taken by NABARD to provide such loans to States at lower rates of interest?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 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 construction of Roads and Bridges during the last three years is given in the Statement enclosed.

(c) The rate of interest being charged on RIDF loan to State Governments are as under:

Tranche	Rate of Interest
RIDF-I	13%
RIDF-II to V	12%
RIDF-VI	11.5%
RIDF-VII	10.5%

(d) Government reviews and makes appropriate changes in rate of interest from time to time.