

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ASSISTANCE TO WOMEN BY NABARD
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether assistance is being provided by the NABARD to women living in the rural areas of States including Maharashtra under its programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the number of districts covered and the number of women provided assistance under these programmes during the last two years, programme-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b): National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) provides credit/non-credit and promotional support to rural women in the country including those in Maharashtra under various credit schemes and promotional programmes. These programmes are:

- 1) Self-Help Group - Bank Linkage Programme;
- 2) Assistance to Rural Women for Non-farm Development (ARWTNDJ);
- 3) Assistance for Marketing of Non-farm Products (MAHIMA);
- 4) Women Development Cells (WDC);
- 5) Development of Women through Area Programmes (DEWTA);
- 6) Marketing Initiatives for Non-Farm Products.

(c): The details of the number of districts covered and the number of women provided assistance under each of these programmes during the last two years are given below:

Programme Covered	Districts		No. of Women Assisted	
	2002-03	2003-04		
SHG-Bank	564	34.54 (lakhs)	45.90	(Lakhs)
ARWIND	14	390	95	
MAHIMA	10	700	800	

Under Women Development Cells, as on 31st March, 2004, a cumulative disbursement to the tune of Rs.2.17 crore has been made. Similarly, under Development of Women Through Area Programmes (DEWTA) programme, an amount of Rs.31.98 lakh has been