

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE BY NABARD FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BARREN LAND

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

(a) whether National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is providing funds to States to implement schemes to develop barren lands;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned under those schemes to various States during the last three years, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) : NABARD provides financial assistance to State Governments under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for various activities including watershed development, soil conservation and forest development / management which are directed towards improvement in land utilisation.

(b) : The amount sanctioned for such activities to various states under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) in 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 is given in Annexure.