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**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO RURAL ARTISANS THROUGH NABARD**

1822. Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has formulated or proposes to formulate any scheme to provide financial assistance to rural artisans of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the details of the financial assistance provided by NABARD in this regard during the last five years and the current year, scheme-wise and State-wise; and
- (d) the number of artisans benefitted through various schemes funded by NABARD during the said period, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
(DR. BHAGWAT KARAD)

(a) to (d): NABARD administers a scheme called Off Farm Producers Organization (OFPO) to provide financial assistance and other requisite support to rural off farm producers to take up collective business.

The State/ UT wise details of financial assistance provided under OFPO scheme are placed at Annexure.

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## Annexure

Details of OFPOs for last five years including current year (as on 30.06.2023)					
S No.	Name of State	No. of OFPO	Sanctioned Amount (₹Lakh)	Disbursed Amount (₹Lakh)	No. of rural artisans
1	Andhra Pradesh	3	73.95	58.81	1800
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1	19.95	7.64	145
3	Assam	2	73.18	21.99	600
4	Bihar	2	74.24	3.82	350
5	Chhattisgarh	2	48.58	4.45	315
6	Goa	1	48.90	7.9	60
7	Gujarat	2	188.66	110.2	853
8	Haryana	2	104.63	49.58	560
9	Himachal Pradesh	1	90.11	15.67	416
10	Jammu & Kashmir	3	91.75	33.08	794
11	Jharkhand	4	322.91	95.77	396
12	Karnataka	5	394.63	179.59	1807
13	Kerala	1	88.75	4.63	541
14	Madhya Pradesh	5	202.81	75.95	1607
15	Maharashtra	3	251.3	7.26	518
16	Meghalaya	1	91.95	63.25	201
17	Mizoram	1	47.63	44.65	800
18	Nagaland	1	44.29	33.01	315
19	Odisha	13	552.06	197.5	3813
20	Punjab	1	23.99	19.25	368
21	Rajasthan	3	259.08	152.44	1602
22	Sikkim	1	122.43	75.68	280
23	Tamil Nadu	4	186.38	67.93	1720
24	Telangana	4	213.37	89.84	1327
25	Tripura	1	49.140	7.67	100
26	Uttar Pradesh	5	206.49	52.7	764
27	West Bengal	3	96.64	46.67	1030
28	Uttarakhand	0	0	0	0
29	New Delhi	0	0	0	0
30	Manipur	0	0	0	0
31	Andaman and Nicobar Island	0	0	0	0