

**Govt. of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5012
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16th December, 2016 / Agrahayana 25, 1938 (Saka)**

Women Self Help Groups

QUESTION

5012. Shri Rajendra Agrawal:

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

- (a) the details of amount of loans disbursed to women self help groups during the last three years; and
- (b) the steps being taken by the government to provide easy access of credit and encourage women self help groups in this regard?

ANSWER

**(MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE)
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a): The details of amount of loans disbursed to Women Self Help Groups (WSHGs) during the last three years are as under:

Year	Loan disbursed (Rs. in Crore)
2013-14	21037.97
2014-15	24419.75
2015-16	34411.42

(b): Government has taken various steps to provide easy access of credit and encourage women SHGs. These include, inter alia, Women SHGs Development Fund being operated by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in 150 most backward districts, Interest Subvention under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY – NRLM) to NRLM SHGs on credit for a maximum of Rs 3 lakh per SHG, Grant and other support to NGOs and other Self Help Promoting Institutions for promotion and nurturing of SHGs formed by poor women in rural areas, etc.
