

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2431**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 09th March, 2018 /Phalguna 18, 1939 (Saka)

Increase Micro Finance Credit Facility

**2431. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:
DR. RATNA DE (NAG):
SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to increase Micro Finance Credit Facility at large specially Purnea in Bihar, West Bengal and Ambedkar Nagar in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the extent to which this initiative is likely to help the growth of the banking sector?

ANSWER

**(MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE)
(SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA)**

(a) & (b): National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) implements the Self Help Group-Bank Linkage Programme (SHG-BLP) in 13 Priority States to provide focussed attention on micro credit linkage of SHGs & skilling through micro entrepreneurship development programmes, livelihood & enterprise development programmes, etc. The SHG-BLP covers all districts of Bihar (including Purnea), West Bengal & Uttar Pradesh (including Ambedkar Nagar).

(c) : Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

(d): This initiative increases the banking sector's outreach and credit flow to the poorer sections in the identified priority states & districts.
