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**NABARD SCHEME FOR TRIBALS**

4266. MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is implementing any scheme for the welfare of tribal people across the country;
- (b) if so, the details with regard to the State of West Bengal during the last five years and the current financial year;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and the benefits availed by the tribal people under the said schemes/programmes in West Bengal during the said period, district-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by NABARD to provide assistance to the backward tribal communities of the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, NABARD has been implementing Integrated Tribal Development Programme since 2005-06, under which, projects are funded through Tribal Development Fund (TDF), aiming to provide sustainable livelihoods to tribal families of the country.

(b) In West Bengal, NABARD has sanctioned a total of 18 Tribal Development Projects during the last five years and current financial year. The projects are implemented through participatory approach involving project beneficiaries and NGO partners. The summary of details given in *Annexure-I* is as under:

- 2017-18: 05 projects
- 2018-19: 03 projects
- 2019-20: 04 projects
- 2020-21: 02 projects
- 2021-22: 02 projects
- 2022-23: 02 projects (as on 16.03.2023)

(c) The details of funds sanctioned under the TDF during the said period in West Bengal and the district-wise details of the benefits availed by the tribal people under the said programme are given in *Annexure-II*.

TDF projects implemented by NABARD are through orchard-based approach and other livelihood-based activities and the benefits start accruing to the families/project beneficiaries after 4-5 years. Generally, increase in annual household income, increase in the irrigation facility, diversification of crop, improved access to latest farm technology, increase in ownership of assets, etc., are some benefits which are observed in the TDF projects.

(d) NABARD created a dedicated fund *viz.*, Tribal Development Fund, in the year 2003-04, out of its own profits for providing support to tribal families of India for generating sustainable livelihood opportunities. The first project from TDF was sanctioned in the year 2005-06 and since then, 929 projects have been sanctioned by NABARD, benefitting 5.95 lakh families covering an area of 5.61 lakh acres. Grant support is provided for developing small orchard (called wadi), agri-allied activities, microenterprise development, tribal handicraft promotion activities, etc. In addition to this, support is provided for promoting awareness about health and sanitation, women development activities and providing training and capacity building to the project beneficiaries.

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## Annexure-I

The details of TDF projects in West Bengal sanctioned during last five years and the current financial year (as on 16.03.2023)

Sr. No.	District	Name of the Project	Project Implementing Agencies (PIA)	Area covered (acre)	No. of families benefitted	Project period (Years)	Assistance from TDF sanctioned (Rs. lakh)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Details of projects sanctioned during 2017-18</b>							
1	Birbhum	TDF- 43Murarai	Angargaria Srijoni siksha Niketan ( ASSN)	500	500	6	273.53
2	Jhargram	TDF-44 Binpur II	Nari Bikas Sangha, Bankura (NBS)	500	500	6	267.90
3	Birbhum	TDF- 45 Rajnagar	Swayambhar Nari	500	500	6	274.77
4	Purulia	TDF-46 Puncia	Hirbandh Ramakrishan Sarada Sevashram ( HRSS)	500	500	6	272.82
5	Jhargram	TDF-47 Jhargram	Sounta Gounta Foundation	500	500	6	274.30
<b>Total of 2017-18</b>				<b>2500</b>	<b>2500</b>		<b>1363.32</b>
<b>Details of projects sanctioned during 2018-19</b>							
1	Birbhum	TDF-48 Rampurhat-1	Angargaria Srijoni siksha Niketan ( ASSN)	500	500	6	300.00
2	Purulia	TDF-49 Manbazar-1	Hirbandh Ramakrishan Sarada Sevashram ( HRSS)	500	500	6	299.99
3	Paschim Medinipur	TDF-50 Keshiary	Ramky Foundation	450	500	6	259.93
<b>Total of 2018-19</b>				<b>1450</b>	<b>1500</b>		<b>859.92</b>
<b>Details of projects sanctioned during 2019-20</b>							
1	Jhargram	Integrated TDP Gopiballavpur	Dulal	473	500	6	288.93
2	Bankura	Integrated TDP Hirbandh-Khatra	Hirbandh Ramakrishna Sarada Sevashram	476	500	6	296.96
3	Purulia	Integrated TDP Manbazar-1	Ramky Foundation	450	500	6	297.29
4	Paschim Medinipur	Integrated TDP Salboni	Dalmia Bharat Foundation	473	500	6	297.77
<b>Total of 2019-20</b>				<b>1872</b>	<b>2000</b>		<b>1180.95</b>
<b>Details of projects sanctioned during 2020-21</b>							
1	Jalpaiguri	TDF-55 Nagrakata	Khagenhat Welfare Organisation	0	200	3	116.37
2	Jhargram	TDF-56 Binpur-II	Balivara OFFER	500	500	6	287.11
<b>Total of 2020-21</b>				<b>500</b>	<b>700</b>		<b>403.48</b>
<b>Details of projects sanctioned during 2021-22</b>							
1	Bankura	TDF-57- Simlapal	Gosaidighi Astha Welfare Society (GAWS)	500	500	6	334.43
2	Birbhum	TDF-58- Mayureshwar I, Rampurhat I	Mallarpur Naisuva	0	300	6	200.72
<b>Total of 2021-22</b>				<b>500</b>	<b>800</b>		<b>535.15</b>
<b>Details of projects sanctioned during 2022-23 (as on 16.03.2023)</b>							
1	Purulia	TDF-59, Manbazar II	Tangsuli Micro Water Preservation Society (TMWPS)	500	500	6	334.12
2	Darjeeling	TDF-60, Kurseong	Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE)	202	252	6	178.78
<b>Total of 2022-23</b>				<b>702</b>	<b>752</b>		<b>512.90</b>

## Annexure-II

The district-wise details of the funds sanctioned in West Bengal under Tribal Development Fund (TDF) during last five years and the current financial year and the benefit it has brought to the tribals (as on 16.03.2023)

Sr. No.	District	Name of the Project	Area covered (acre)	No. of families benefitted	Project period (Years)	Assistance from TDF sanctioned (Rs. lakh)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Bankura	Integrated TDP Hirbandh-Khatra	476	500	6	296.96
		TDF-57- Simlapal	500	500	6	334.43
2	Birbhum	TDF- 43Murarai	500	500	6	273.53
		TDF- 45 Rajnagar	500	500	6	274.77
		TDF-48 Rampurhat-1	500	500	6	300.00
		TDF-58- Mayureshwar I, Rampurhat I	0	300	6	200.72
3	Darjeeling	TDF-60, Kurseong	202	252	6	178.78
4	Jalpaiguri	TDF-55 Nagrakata	0	200	3	116.37
5	Jhargram	TDF-44 Binpur II	500	500	6	267.90
		TDF-47 Jhargram	500	500	6	274.30
		Integrated TDP Gopiballavpur	473	500	6	288.93
		TDF-56 Binpur-II	500	500	6	287.11
6	Paschim Medinipur	TDF-50 Keshiary	450	500	6	259.93
		Integrated TDP Salboni	473	500	6	297.77
7	Purulia	TDF-46 Puncha	500	500	6	272.82
		TDF-49 Manbazar-1	500	500	6	299.99
		Integrated TDP Manbazar-1	450	500	6	297.29
		TDF-59, Manbazar II	500	500	6	334.12