

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3808**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2020

**NRLM IN WEST BENGAL**

**3808. SHRI RAJU BISTA:**

Will the Minister of **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) the allocations under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) (Aajeevika) for the districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong, and North Dinajpur in West Bengal; and
- (b) the number of Self Help Groups who have availed Aajeevika loans?

**ANSWER**  
**MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)**

(a) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme that aims at eliminating rural poverty through promotion of multiple livelihoods for each rural poor household. The allocations under DAY-NRLM for the districts of Darjeeling (including Kalimpong and Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad) and North Dinajpur in West Bengal during last five years are given below:-

Years	Year wise Allocation (in Rs. Lakhs) in Districts	
	Darjeeling (including kalimpong and Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad)	North Dinajpur
2015-16	327.62	337.96
2016-17	471.44	328.81
2017-18	953.37	729.11
2018-19	973.80	1562.14
2019-20	1226.60	915.70

(b) DAY-NRLM provides a Revolving Fund (RF) of Rs.10,000 to Rs.15,000 per Self Help Group (SHG) and Community Investment Fund (CIF) of up to Rs.2.50 lakh per SHG. The number of SHGs who have availed Aajeevika Funds (RF & CIF) in the districts of Darjeeling (including Kalimpong and Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad) and North Dinajpur in West Bengal are given below:-

Years	Number of SHGs received RF and CIF from Aajeevika Allocation			
	Darjeeling (including Kalimpong and Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad)		North Dinajpur	
	RF	CIF	RF	CIF
2015-16	462	00	124	00
2016-17	889	620	671	875
2017-18	1144	1623	992	2521
2018-19	2399	3289	2511	5340
2019-20 (up to 29 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020)	2158	4863	2316	7647

Besides RF and CIF, Banks also extend loans to SHGs.