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NABARD SCHEME FOR RURAL ARTISANS

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has formulated any plans especially for backward and rural artisans;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the financial assistance provided by the above bank to States under the various schemes during the last three years so far, State-wise; and
- (d) the number of people benefitted under the above-mentioned scheme during the said period?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has three schemes which benefit weavers/ artisans/other rural people, the details of which are as below:

1. Off farm Producers Organizations (OFPOs): NABARD promotes OFPOs in handloom and handicrafts sector, similar to Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs) in the farm sector. 35 OFPOs covering around 9461 artisans/ weavers have been supported during the last three years.

2. Rural Marts: NABARD supports Rural Marts which are outlets in rural areas where the artisans, weavers, SHG Women, etc., sell their products. 299 Rural Marts have been supported by NABARD during the last 3 years, benefiting around 5980 rural artisans/weavers to display, sell their products and earn higher income.

3. Exhibitions/Melas: Exhibition/melas organised for sale of the products of the rural artisans/ weavers/members of OFPO/FPOs, etc. are supported by NABARD. 203 Exhibitions/Melas have been supported by NABARD during the last three years for direct marketing of the products of artisans, benefiting around 3215 participants.

The details of financial assistance provided by NABARD to States under these three schemes during the last three years are Annexed.

Annexure as referred to in Part (a) to (d) of Answer to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3560 for reply on 08.08.2022

Cumulative assistance sanctioned by NABARD for the period 2019-20 to 2021-22 (3 yrs.)

(Amount in Rs. Lakh)

Name of State/UT	OFPO	Rural Mart	Exhibition/ Melas	Grand Total
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	-	17.58	0.50	18.08
ANDHRA PRADESH	49.55	146.18	149.09	344.82
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	29.70	126.59	18.28	174.57
ASSAM	-	89.84	22.97	112.81
BIHAR	1.00	35.88	42.12	79.00
CHHATTISGARH	5.00	58.83	42.42	106.24
DELHI	-	-	0.07	0.07
GOA	-	14.49	10.13	24.62
GUJARAT	221.77	25.56	49.98	297.30
HARYANA	82.34	11.67	134.69	228.70
HIMACHAL PRADESH	95.79	44.40	78.64	218.83
JAMMU KASHMIR	37.92	10.48	43.04	91.44
JHARKHAND	103.10	104.17	30.11	237.38
KARNATAKA	416.88	194.50	144.41	755.79
KERALA	98.75	55.03	48.91	202.68
MADHYA PRADESH	57.87	165.98	102.21	326.05
MAHARASHTRA	21.60	84.44	68.22	174.26
MANIPUR	-	16.68	55.17	71.85
MEGHALAYA	-	81.89	5.27	87.16
MIZORAM	4.00	67.18	49.76	120.94
NAGALAND	1.35	40.75	0.03	42.14
ODISHA	343.66	111.23	32.09	486.97
PUDUCHERRY	-	-	1.44	1.44
PUNJAB	5.00	10.87	30.49	46.36
RAJASTHAN	15.10	68.32	33.10	116.52
SIKKIM	125.39	26.90	5.50	157.79
TAMIL NADU	158.43	74.25	91.73	324.40
TELANGANA	150.87	121.34	130.56	402.78
TRIPURA	3.00	16.89	2.29	22.18
UTTAR PRADESH	25.36	179.31	197.01	401.67
UTTARAKHAND	0.50	17.30	25.02	42.82
WEST BENGAL	74.46	22.54	116.51	213.51
PAN INDIA	91.95	-	240.10	332.05
Grand Total	2220.31	2041.08	2001.85	6263.23

Source: NABARD