384	Written Answers to	[RAJYA SABHA]	Unstarred Questions
1	2	3	4
19	Odisha	.126	143.00
20	Punjab	.166	184.00
21	Rajasthan	133	149.00
22	Sikkim	.124	135.00
23	Tamil Nadu	132	148.00
24	Tripura	124	135.00
25	Uttar Pradesh	125	142.00
26	Uttarakhand	125	142.00
27	West Bengal	136	151.00
28	Goa	158	178.00
29	Andaman and Nicobar		
29a	Andaman	178	198.00
29b	Nicobar	189	210.00
30	Dadra and Nagar Havel	i 157	175.00
31	Daman and Diu	136	150.00
32	Lakshadweep	.151	166.00
33	Puducherry	132	148.00
34	Chandigarh	189	209,00

DFI to help women SHGs

3687. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has suggested to establish a Developmental Finance Institution (DFI) for the benefit of women Self-Help Groups (SHGs);
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether the Ministry of Finance has consented to this proposal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This Ministry has suggested to the Ministry of Finance to establish a Developmental Finance Institution (DFI) for the benefit of Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

With reference to para 87 of the Budget speech of the Hon'ble Finance Minster for the year 2013-14, this Ministry has proposed that the DFI would be set up with an initial equity of Rs. 1000 crore. This Institution can raise further resources through a variety of instruments such as Tax Free Bonds and concessional loans etc. These funds will be used to access the entire banking network through a system of incentives, to enable the banks to take up intensification of banking services to Women SHGs. The Fund can also be utilised to intervene in the markets through alternative people friendly, community owned financial institutions. The expectation is that this would enable an additional flow of credit to the SHGs to the extent of Rs. 15000 to 20000 crores per year, specially in the poorly served regions across the country.

(c) and (d) No response to the proposal for setting up of DFI has been received from Ministry of Finance.

ADB loan for rural roads

3688. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of latest USD 252 million loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), towards improving rural roads in India, granted in April, 2013;
- (b) the details of plans for utilization of these funds and the projects to be financed with these funds:
 - (c) the details of beneficiary States and the selection procedure therefor;
- (d) whether Government proposes to finance other States which are equally backward in terms of infrastructure; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?