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**DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH THROUGH NABARD**

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether approval has been granted to provide financial assistance for various development projects in Himachal Pradesh through NABARD:
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether construction and reconstruction of roads in rural areas is also proposed to be done through the said financial assistance?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The details of development projects in Himachal Pradesh sanctioned through NABARD are annexed.

(c): Under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) Tranche-XXIX, an amount of Rs.807.68 crore has been sanctioned by NABARD in Himachal Pradesh, out of which Rs. 334.99 crore has been sanctioned for construction/reconstruction of 44 Rural Road projects.

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**The details of development projects through financial assistance made in Himachal Pradesh through NABARD.**

1. **Watershed Development:** Under Watershed Development Programme, 50 projects have been sanctioned with a grant assistance of ₹26.84 crore, as on date. These projects have created irrigation potential of 38,732.65 hectare in Himachal Pradesh.
2. **Tribal Development:** Under Tribal Development Programme, 14 projects have been sanctioned in Himachal Pradesh with a grant assistance of ₹21.357 crore, as on date. These projects support livelihood interventions covering 3,708 tribal families.
3. **Farmer Producer Organization:** 147 Farmer Producers Organization have been sanctioned so far in Himachal Pradesh with a grant assistance of ₹13.01 crore. These FPOs have a membership of 31,756.

Under Farm Sector Promotion Fund, as on date, 14 projects are ongoing in Himachal Pradesh with a grant assistance of ₹2.25 crore promoting innovation, enhancing agricultural productivity and income of farmers.

4. **SHGs/ JLGs:** As on 31 March 2023, 1,312 Capacity Building programmes have been conducted for SHGs/ JLGs, besides 75 Micro Enterprise Development Programmes (MEDPs) and 28 Livelihood Enterprise Development Programmes (LEDPs) in Himachal Pradesh.