

RAJYA SABHA

Unstarred Question No. 1349

ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, 11 MARCH, 2025/ 20 PHALGUNA, 1946 (SAKA)

Promotion of rural financing through NABARD

1349. Dr. Sikander Kumar:

Will the Minister of *Finance* be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given approval for setting up of new projects through NABARD across assembly constituencies in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of rural infrastructure development fund with project cost sanctioned during the last two years in Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) whether Government is planning to harmonise monetary approaches through NABARD for various projects related to Agriculture, Horticulture and minor/medium irrigation sectors in Himachal Pradesh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): The Government has taken several initiatives for development in the rural areas of Himachal Pradesh through various schemes of NABARD viz. Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), Watershed Development Fund (WDF), Tribal Development Fund (TDF), etc.

Under RIDF, during FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 so far, 292 projects with total loan amount of ₹ 1931.54 crore have been sanctioned in the State. These, *inter-alia* includes 107 Rural Roads, 06 Rural Bridges, 40 Rural Drinking Water Schemes and 55 Minor/Medium Irrigation projects. The district-wise details of projects sanctioned in the State under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) in the last two years are given at **Annexure I**.

The details of projects sanctioned in Himachal Pradesh by NABARD through funds/ schemes other than RIDF, such as Watershed Development Fund (WDF), Tribal Development Fund (TDF) and JIVA in the last two years are given at **Annexure II**.

Annexure I

**Statement referred to in part (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Un-Starred Question No. 1349 on
“Promotion of rural financing through NABARD” due for answer on 11.03.2025**

I. Sanctioned Projects under RIDF in Himachal Pradesh (FY 2023-24)

Districts	No. of Projects	RIDF Loan (in ₹ lakhs)
Mandi	20	9,814.61
Bilaspur	4	933.28
Chamba	4	2,374.98
Hamirpur	17	7,442.84
Kangra	50	35,048.45
Kullu	7	6,218.53
Lahaul & Spiti	1	246.24
Shimla	14	7,575.95
Sirmaur	11	8,799.29
Solan	13	5,067.32
Una	14	8,381.55
Grand Total	155	91,903.04

II. Sanctioned Projects under RIDF in Himachal Pradesh (FY 2024-25)

Districts	No. of Projects	RIDF Loan (in ₹ lakhs)
Bilaspur	6	2,727.55
Chamba	4	5,407.36
Hamirpur	13	8,652.53
Kangra	22	28,773.94
Kinnaur	4	4,155.95
Kullu	5	991.49
Lahaul Spiti	2	2221.34
Mandi	8	5,355.34
Shimla	22	11947.97
Sirmaur	15	9136.24
Solan	21	13,893.69
Una	15	7,988.28
Grand Total	137	1,01,251.68

Annexure II

Statement referred to in part (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Un-Starred Question No. 1349 on “Promotion of rural financing through NABARD” due for answer on 11.03.2025

Sanctioned Projects under funds/schemes by NABARD other than RIDF in Himachal Pradesh

S. No.	Activity	Name of the Project	District	Grant Sanctioned (in ₹ lakh)
FY 2023-24				
1	WDF	HarsangDhar Springshed	Solan	30.51
2	WDF	Badar Khad Watershed	Solan	116.93
3	WDF	Ali Khad Watershed	Solan	78.32
4	WDF	Sangrayar Watershed	Mandi	115.21
5	WDF	Gharatnala Watershed	Chamba	106.38
6	WDF	Sarahan Watershed	Sirmaur	10.39
7	TDF	TDF project in Tingret, Chimret and Kishori Panchayat of Udaipur block of Lahaul & Spiti, H.P.	Lahaul & Spiti	135.53
FY 2024-25				
8	JIVA*	Baryali Fugwana JIVA Project	Solan	86.13

*JIVA is an agroecology-based programme launched by NABARD for supporting natural farming practices in the country