



राष्ट्रीय कृषि और ग्रामीण विकास बैंक

NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

प्रधान कार्यालय  
सी-24, 'जी' ब्लॉक  
बान्द्रा-कुर्ला संकुल  
बान्द्रा (पूर्व)  
मुंबई - 400 051

टेली : 26539746  
फैक्स : 26530071  
ई-मेल : [pro@nabard.org](mailto:pro@nabard.org)

HEAD OFFICE  
C-24, 'G' Block  
Bandra-Kurla Complex  
Bandra (East)  
Mumbai - 400051

Tel : 26539746  
Telefax : 26530071  
E-mail : [pro@nabard.org](mailto:pro@nabard.org)

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT (P R DIVISION)

## PRESS RELEASE

12 April 2010

### NABARD - A New High

Year 2009-10 was a year of several firsts for NABARD. Detailing these to the media, Shri Umesh Chandra Sarangi, Chairman explained the significant strides made by the Bank in its wide range of interventions during the year, and highlighted the underlying principles of developmental and regulatory initiatives of NABARD, which helped the rural financial institutions (RFIs) and field level partners to improve their performance in reaching out to the farmers and the rural population of India.

#### Highlights of NABARD's working during 2009-10:

- The total **working funds** of NABARD doubled in four years, and crossed Rs.1,36,500 crore as on 31 March 2010.
- The **loan outstandings** of NABARD crossed Rs.1,00,000 crore mark as on 31 March 2010, for the first time.
- The total **loans disbursed** to banks and Governments during 2009-10 aggregated Rs.54,772 crore, the highest ever.
- **Production Credit/ Crop Loans** to cooperative banks and regional rural banks (RRBs) reached at **Rs. 24,216 crore** during 2009-10, as against Rs. 16,803 crore during 08-09.
- **Investment Credit** for capital formation in agriculture & allied sectors, non-farm sector activities and services sector to commercial banks, RRBs and cooperative banks stood at Rs.12,035 crore during 2009-10 as against Rs.10,572 crore in 2008-09.
- **RIDF sanctions** to State Governments rose crossed Rs. 1,00,000 crore mark during the year.
- **RIDF Loans disbursed** to State Governments rose to Rs. 12,388 crore in 2009-2010, from Rs.10,459 crore in 2008-2009.
- RIDF Loans totaling Rs. 18,500 crore was sanctioned and disbursed in the last 4 years to National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) for the rural roads component under Bharat Nirman.

## Development Interventions

- Financial support significantly increased for **watershed development** projects as on 31 March 2010 to Rs. 318 crore, as against Rs. 166 crore at the same date last year. This has given a fillip to sustainable livelihoods and regeneration of degraded environment.
- Under **Tribal Development**, 191 projects covering 1,65,280 families were sanctioned from the Tribal Development Fund (TDF) and Rs. 104 crore was disbursed as on 31 March 2010.
- Farm Innovations and Technology Transfer for agriculture and allied activities were supported during 09-10, through 81 projects with financial support of over Rs. 5 crore.
- Under NABARD's flagship **SHG-Bank Linkage programme**, the cumulative number of SHGs credit linked stood at 47 lakh, as on 31 March 2010, benefiting around 57 million rural families.
- **Utilisation of Micro Finance Development and Equity Fund (MFDEF)** : The corpus of Rs. 200 crore under MFDEF has been fully utilised, which also includes the commitments made to NGOs for different eligible purposes. The disbursement made was Rs.81 crore (provisional). In the Union Budget announcement for 2010-2011, the corpus under MFDEF has been enhanced to Rs 400 crore with the objective of further upscaling the quality and depth of microfinance interventions in the country.
- **SHG Bank Linkage programme:** During 2009-10 Grant assistance of Rs. 25 crore to 268 NGOs was sanctioned for promotion and linkage of 50,000 SHGs taking the cumulative sanction to Rs. 89 crore for promoting around 3,42,000 SHGs.
- **Revolving Fund Assistance (RFA)** is provided to mFIs, on selective basis, for on-lending to the unreached poor. The focus of such selective assistance is for experimenting with various MF models to innovate alternative credit delivery systems and also draw lessons for sustainability and replicability. During 2009-10, Revolving Fund Assistance (RFA) amounting to Rs. 23 crore was sanctioned to 14 agencies. Refinance of Rs.30.00 crore was also sanctioned to REPCO Bank against support extended by it to REPCO Foundation for MF activities.
- **Initiatives in Resource Poor Regions - Priyadarshini Project**  
A Programme for "Rural Women Empowerment and Livelihood in Mid Gangetic Plains" called as "Priyadarshini" has been launched in select districts of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The Eight year Programme is being funded by IFAD with part financial assistance from Government of India. The programme envisages holistic empowerment of 1,08,000 poor women and adolescent girls supported by sustainable and improved livelihood through formation of 7,200 SHGs.
- **Farmers' Clubs:** During 09-10, 16,590 Farmers' Clubs were launched by different agencies with NABARD support, taking the total number of such clubs to around 55,000 as on 31 March 2010.
- **Interest relief to farmers:** To encourage the farmers for prompt repayment of loans the interest subvention scheme continued during 2009-10. An interest relief of 1% was introduced by Gol for farmers for prompt repayment. This has been taken up for implementation for Cooperative Banks and RRBs by NABARD.

- **Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008 (ADWDRS, 2008)** – NABARD, on behalf of Govt. of India, released Rs. 25,395 crore to Cooperative Banks and RRBs, during 2009-10 under ADWDRS, 2008.
- **Kisan Credit Cards:** Fresh Kisan Credit Cards issued by banks to farmers during 2009-10 were 38 lakh, taking the cumulative number of KCCs to 9 crore since inception.

## Institutional Development Support

- Financial assistance of Rs. 7,972 crore was released for recapitalisation of 50,813 PACS against Rs. 4,874 crore for 33,406 PACS in 2008-2009. Thus, 61% of total PACS (38% till 2008-2009) covered under the programme were fully capitalised. The inspection findings of NABARD and compliance thereof have helped in bringing down the number of cooperative banks not complying with section 11(1) of the B.R. Act from 113 to 90.
- As many as 08 SCBs and 97 DCCBs were issued licenses by RBI taking the cumulative number of such banks to 22 and 172 respectively.

## Highlights of Financial Inclusion

- 47 Projects involving Rs.41 crore sanctioned under Financial Inclusion initiative. Priority given to NER, Hilly Regions and Disturbed districts – RRBs & Cooperatives.
- An R&D project for Financial Inclusion with ICT Solutions (Smart Card, Mobile Technology etc.) has been started covering 30 Districts.
- NABARD gets Financial Inclusion award from SKOCH Foundation.

## NABCONS

During the year NABCONS expanded its business to Rs. 20.17 crore. It has also opened its offshore office in Kenya during the year.



Chairman Shri U.C. Sarangi, IAS, Addressing Media



Managing Director Dr. K.G. Karmakar addressing Media