



NABARD Sanctions Rs 1,974 Crore to Rajasthan | Rajasthan | 12 Jan 2024

Why in News?

Under the **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for 2023-24**, [National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development \(NABARD\)](#) has sanctioned Rs 1,974.07 crore to the Rajasthan government.

Key Points

- According to NABARD Rajasthan Chief General Manager **Rs 930.44 crore** has been sanctioned for three rural drinking water supply projects in Ajmer, Jalore, and Kota districts.
 - **Rs 926.48 crore** was sanctioned for the construction of 676 rural roads in the desert and tribal areas of the state.
 - Earlier, **Rs 117.15 crore** had been sanctioned for the construction of 104 veterinary hospitals and 431 sub-centres in all districts of the state.
- **Drinking water supply projects** are expected to provide clean and potable water to 2.87 lakh households in 2,500 villages, whereas rural road projects will improve connectivity in 1,229 villages across 12 districts.
- NABARD is also supporting the state government in bringing 4.28 lakh hectares under micro-irrigation with a support of Rs 740 crore from the [Micro Irrigation Fund](#).
- The lining of 450 km of earthen canals in Kota and Bundi districts is under construction following a Rs 623.38 crore assistance under NABARD Infrastructure Development Assistance.

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

- It is a **development bank** focussing primarily on the rural sector of the country. It is the apex banking institution to provide finance for Agriculture and rural development.
 - Its headquarter is located in Mumbai, the country's financial capital.
- It is a **statutory body** established in 1982 under the **Parliamentary act-National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Act, 1981**.

The Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)

- It was set up by the Government of India in 1995-96 for financing ongoing rural Infrastructure projects.
 - The Fund is maintained by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).
- The main objective of the Fund is to provide loans to State Governments and State-owned corporations to enable them to complete ongoing rural infrastructure projects.