



NABARD Sanctions Rs 1,974 Crore to Rajasthan

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**.