

FOREWORD

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has been preparing Potential Linked Plans (PLPs) annually for each of the seven districts. The PLPs, which map the potential sectors for credit absorption, also identifies the infrastructure constraints. The State Focus Paper for the year 2006-07 which is an aggregation of all the PLPs, projects a ground level credit flow of Rs. 216 crore for the State. The credit outlay envisages an increase of 48% over current year's projections. The service sector is expected to absorb around 56% of the credit. The credit flow to farm and non-farm sectors would be about 20% and 24% respectively. The State Focus Paper also discusses the infrastructure gaps and suggests measures for enhanced credit flow for Priority Sectors and thrust areas, which need the attention and support from the Government, banks and NGOs.

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