

Appendix Table II.14: Advances to the Priority Sectors by Public Sector Banks
(As on the last Friday)

Sector	Number of Accounts (in lakh)					Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)				
	June 1969	March 1996@	March 1997@	March 1998@	March 1999@	June 1969	March 1996@	March 1997@	March 1998@	March 1999@
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
I. Agriculture	1.7	208	195	192	179	162 (5.4)	26,351 (14.3)	31,012 (16.3)	34,305 (15.7)	40,078 (16.3)
i) Direct	1.6	203	191	187	175	40 (1.3)	22,892 (12.4)	25,826 (13.6)	28,303 (13.0)	31,681 (12.9)
ii) Indirect	0.1	5	4	5	4	122 (4.0)	3,459 (1.9)	5,186 (2.7)	6,002 (2.8)	8,397 (3.4)
II. Small-scale industries	0.5	33	32	30	26	257 (8.5)	29,482 (16.0)	31,542 (16.6)	38,109 (17.5)	42,674 (17.3)
III. Other priority sector advances*	0.4	115	107	103	96	22 (0.7)	13,751 (7.5)	16,548 (8.7)	18,881 (8.7)	24,448 (9.9)
IV. Total priority sector advances (I+II+III)	2.6	356	334	325	302	441 (14.6)	69,609 ^{\$} (37.8)	79,131 ^{\$} (41.7)	91,319 ^{\$} (41.8)	1,07,200 ^{\$} (43.5)
V. Net Bank Credit	-	-	-	-	-	3,016	1,84,391	1,89,684	2,18,219	2,46,203

Notes : 1. @ Data are provisional.

* Include small transport operators, self-employed persons, rural artisans, etc.

\$ Inclusive of funds provided to RRBs by their sponsoring banks, loan to software industry, food and agro-processing sector and Self Help Groups eligible for being treated under priority sector advances.

2. Figures in brackets represent percentages to net bank credit.