

**Appendix Table II.15: Advances to the Priority Sectors by Indian Private Sector Banks**  
(As on the last Friday)

Sector	(Amount in Rs. crore)					
	March 1997		March 1998		March 1999*	
	Amount	Percentage to Net bank credit	Amount	Percentage to Net bank credit	Amount	Percentage to Net bank credit
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I. Agriculture	1,953	9.1	2,746	9.7	3,257	9.5
II. Small-scale industries	4,754	22.2	5,848	20.6	6,451	18.9
III. Other priority sectors	2,125	9.9	3,020	10.6	4,447	13.0
<b>Total (I+II+III)</b>	<b>8,832</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>11,614</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>14,155</b>	<b>41.4</b>

Note: \* Provisional.