

**Appendix Table III.24: Advances to the Priority Sectors by Public Sector Banks  
(As on the last reporting Friday)**

Sector	No. of Accounts (in lakh)				
	June 1969	March 2000	March 2001	March 2002@	March 2003@
1	2	3	4	5	6
I. Agriculture	1.7	160	188	161	168
i) Direct	1.6	157	185	157	164
ii) Indirect	0.1	3	3	4	4
II. Small-scale industries	0.5	22	20	22	17
III. Other priority sector advances	0.4	81	80	83	79
IV. Total priority sector advances #	2.6	265	288	269	268
V. Net Bank Credit	—	—	—	—	—

Sector	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)				
	June 1969	March 2000	March 2001	March 2002@	March 2003@
1	7	8	9	10	11
I. Agriculture	162 (5.4)	45,296 (14.3)	53,571 (15.7)	63,082 (15.9)	73,507 (15.3)
i) Direct	40 (1.3)	34,247 (10.8)	38,137 (11.2)	44,908 (11.3)	51,799 (10.8)
ii) Indirect	122 (4.0)	11,049 (3.5)	15,434 (4.5)	18,174 (4.6)	21,708 (4.5)
II. Small-scale industries	257 (8.5)	46,045 (14.6)	48,400 (14.2)	49,743 (12.5)	52,988 (11.1)
III. Other priority sector advances	22 (0.7)	30,816 (9.7)	40,791 (12.0)	53,712 (13.5)	71,448 (15.0)
IV. Total priority sector advances #	441 (14.6)	1,27,478 (40.3)	1,49,116 (43.7)	1,71,185 (43.1)	2,03,095 (42.5)
V. Net Bank Credit	3,016	3,16,427	3,41,291	3,96,954	4,77,899

@ Data are provisional.

# Inclusive of advances to setting up industrial estates, funds provided to RRBs by sponsor banks, loan to software industries, food and agro processing sector, self-help group and venture capital.

Note : Figures in brackets represent percentages to net bank credit.