

Appendix Table III.26 : Advances to the Priority Sectors by Private Sector Banks
(As on the last reporting Friday)

(Amount in Rs. crore)

Sector	March 2001		March 2002@		March 2003@	
	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
Priority Sector Advances #	21,567	36.7	25,709	40.9	36,705	44.4
<i>Of which :</i>						
I. Agriculture	5,634	9.6	8,022	8.5	11,873	10.8
II. Small-scale industries	8,096	13.8	8,613	13.7	6,857	8.3
III. Other priority sectors	7,219	12.3	9,074	14.4	17,602	21.3

@ 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 groups and venture capital.

Note: Indirect agriculture is reckoned up to 4.5 per cent of Net Bank Credit for calculation of percentage of Agriculture.