

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

Sector	No. of Accounts (in lakh)					Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)				
	June 1969	March 2001	March 2002@	March 2003@	March 2004@	June 1969	March 2001	March 2002 @	March 2003@	March 2004@
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
I. Agriculture	1.7	188	161	168	177	162 (5.4)	53,571 (15.7)	63,082 (15.9)	73,507 (15.4)	86,187 (15.4)
i) Direct	1.6	185	157	164	174	40 (1.3)	38,137 (11.2)	44,908 (11.3)	51,799 (10.8)	61,957 (11.1)
ii) Indirect	0.1	3	4	4	3	122 (4.0)	15,434 (4.5)	18,174 (4.6)	21,708 (4.5)	24,230 (4.3)
II. Small-scale industries	0.5	20	22	17	16	257 (8.5)	48,400 (14.2)	49,743 (12.5)	52,988 (11.1)	58,278 (10.4)
III. Other priority sector advances	0.4	80	83	79	88	22 (0.7)	40,791 (12.0)	53,712 (13.5)	71,448 (15.0)	94,959 (17.0)
IV. Total priority sector advances #	2.6	288	269	268	286	441 (14.6)	1,49,116 (43.7)	1,71,185 (43.1)	2,03,095 (42.5)	2,45,672 (44.0)
V. Net Bank Credit	-	-	-	-	-	3,016	3,41,291	3,96,954	4,77,899	5,58,849

@ 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.