

**Appendix Table III.4: 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 2002	March 2003	March 2004	March 2005@	June 1969	March 2002	March 2003	March 2004	March 2005@
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
I. Agriculture	1.7	158	168	190	208	162 (5.4)	58,142 (14.8)	70,501 (14.5)	84,435 (15.1)	1,12,475 (15.7)
i) Direct	1.6	153	165	188	191	40 (1.3)	44,019 (11.2)	51,484 (10.6)	62,170 (11.1)	82,613 (11.5)
ii) Indirect	0.1	5	3	2	17	122 (4.0)	14,123 (3.6)	19,017 (3.9)	22,265 (4.0)	29,862 (4.2)
II. Small scale industries	0.5	19	17	17	18	257 (8.5)	54,268 (13.8)	52,646 (10.8)	58,311 (10.4)	67,634 (9.4)
III. Other priority sector advances	0.4	81	88	94	85	22 (0.7)	59,074 (15.0)	76,638 (15.8)	1,01,710 (18.1)	1,29,984 (18.1)
IV. Total priority sector advances	2.6	258	273	301	319	441 (14.6)	1,71,484 (43.5)	1,99,786 (41.2)	2,44,456 (43.6)	3,10,093 (43.2)
V. Net Bank Credit	-	-	-	-	-	3,016	3,94,064	4,85,271	5,60,819	7,17,304

- : Nil/Negligible.

@ : Data are provisional.

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