

Appendix Table III.6: Advances to the Priority Sector by Private Sector Banks

(As on the last reporting Friday of March)

(Amount in Rs. crore)

Sector	March 2004		March 2005		March 2006@	
	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 #	48,920	47.3	69,886	43.6	1,06,566	42.8
<i>of which :</i>						
I. Agriculture	14,730	14.2	21,636	13.5	36,185	13.5
II. Small-scale industries	7,590	7.3	8,592	5.4	10,447	4.2
III. Other priority sectors	25,786	24.9	38,797	24.2	58,243	23.4

@ : Data are provisional.

: Inclusive of advances to setting up industrial estates, loans to small road and water transport operators, housing loans, education loans, loans to software industries, food and agro-processing sector, self-help groups, venture capital, etc.

Source : Data furnished by respective banks.