

## Bank Lending Survey for Q4:2024-25

Today, the Reserve Bank released the results of 31<sup>st</sup> round of its quarterly Bank Lending Survey<sup>1</sup>, which captures qualitative assessment and expectations of major scheduled commercial banks on credit parameters (viz., loan demand as well as terms and conditions of loans) for major economic sectors<sup>2</sup>. The latest round of the survey, which was conducted during Q4:2024-25, collected senior loan officers' assessment of credit parameters for Q4:2024-25 and their expectations for Q1, Q2 and Q3 of 2025-26.

### Highlights:

#### A. Assessment for Q4:2024-25

- Bankers' assessment on loan demand moderated across major sectors during Q4:2024-25, except agriculture, and retail/personal loans ([Chart 1](#) and [Table 1](#)).
- Respondents reported continuation of easy loan terms and conditions for major sectors ([Table 2](#)).

#### B. Expectations for Q1:2025-26

- Bankers' remained positive on loan demand from all major sectors during Q1:2025-26 though their level of optimism was somewhat lower or similar level as compared to the previous survey round ([Table 1](#)).
- Overall, easy loan terms and conditions are expected to prevail during the quarter ([Table 2](#)).

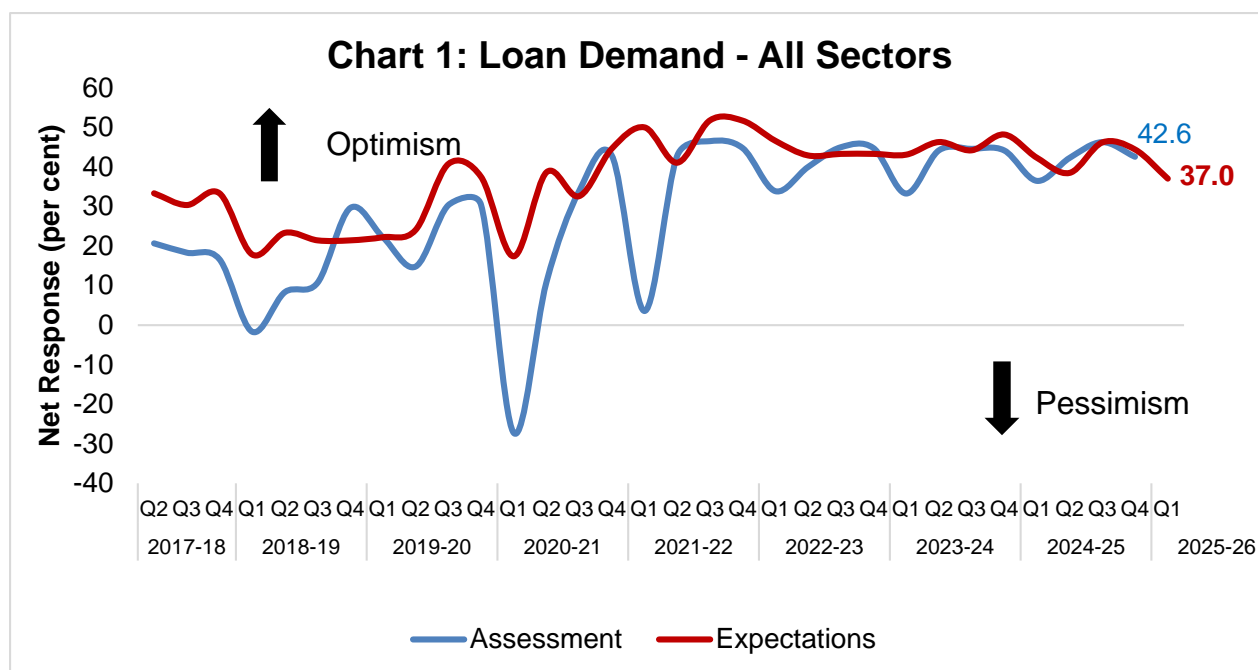
#### C. Expectations for Q2:2025-26 and Q3:2025-26

- Bankers' outlook on loan demand from major sectors continue to remain positive till Q3:2025-26 ([Table 3](#)).
- Majority of bankers expect 'no change' in existing terms and conditions for loans.

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<sup>1</sup> The results of 30<sup>th</sup> round of the BLS with reference period as October-December 2024 were released on the RBI website on [February 07, 2025](#). The survey results reflect the views of the respondents, which are not necessarily shared by the Reserve Bank.

<sup>2</sup> The survey questionnaire is canvassed among major 30 SCBs, which together account for over 90 per cent of credit by SCBs in India.



**Table 1: Sector-wise Loan Demand - Net Response<sup>3</sup>**

(per cent)

Sector	Assessment Period		Expectations Period	
	Q3:2024-25	Q4:2024-25	Q4:2024-25	Q1:2025-26
<b>All Sectors</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>37.0</b>
Agriculture	40.0	41.7	40.0	25.0
Mining and Quarrying	11.7	10.0	15.0	6.7
Manufacturing	44.6	42.9	46.4	41.1
Infrastructure	36.7	36.7	38.3	35.0
Services	42.9	41.1	41.1	41.1
Retail/Personal	42.3	52.0	46.2	38.0

<sup>3</sup> Net Response (NR) is computed as the difference of percentage of banks reporting increase/optimism and those reporting decrease/pessimism in respective parameter. The weights of +1.0, 0.5, 0, -0.5 and -1.0 are assigned for computing NR from aggregate per cent responses on 5-point scale, i.e., substantial increase/ considerable easing, moderate increase/ somewhat easing, no change, moderate decrease/ somewhat tightening, substantial decrease/ considerable tightening for loan demand/loan terms and conditions parameters respectively. NR ranges between -100 to 100. Any value greater than zero indicates expansion/optimism and any value less than zero indicates contraction/pessimism. Increase in loan demand is considered optimism (Tables 1), while for loan terms and conditions, a positive value of net response indicates easy terms and conditions (Table 2).

**Table 2: Sector-wise Loan Terms and Conditions - Net Response**

(per cent)

Sector	Assessment Period		Expectations Period	
	Q3:2024-25	Q4:2024-25	Q4:2024-25	Q1:2025-26
<b>All Sectors</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>17.9</b>
Agriculture	13.3	15.0	21.7	20.0
Mining and Quarrying	-5.4	-1.7	-5.4	-1.7
Manufacturing	20.4	19.0	18.5	17.2
Infrastructure	12.5	10.0	14.3	13.3
Services	16.7	16.7	16.7	18.5
Retail/Personal	24.0	22.9	24.0	22.9

**Table 3: Sector-wise Expectations for Extended Period - Net Response**

(per cent)

Sector	Loan Demand		Loan Terms and Conditions	
	Q2:2025-26	Q3:2025-26	Q2:2025-26	Q3:2025-26
<b>All Sectors</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>21.4</b>
Agriculture	43.3	41.7	18.3	20.0
Mining and Quarrying	6.9	12.1	0.0	1.7
Manufacturing	38.3	41.7	21.7	23.3
Infrastructure	32.8	36.2	13.8	15.5
Services	33.9	41.1	15.5	19.0
Retail/Personal	31.0	39.7	17.2	22.4

**Note:** [Please see the attached excel file for detailed time series data.](#)