

North Spain and explored possibilities of establishing trade and industrial links with the entrepreneurs of that region. In October 1997, Government of Spain staged a massive industrial and investment fair in New Delhi called the EXPOTECNIA at Pragati Maidan which was meant to show-case Spanish industry and invite investment from India into Spain. As a result of these activities, trade is expected to diversity and increase significantly in the coming years.

Loan Released by NABARD

461. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loan released by the nationalised and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development during the 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 in agricultural sector in the country, State-wise; and

(b) State-wise ratio with all India loan released during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and, to the extent available, will be laid on the table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Loan to SC/ST Under PMRY

462 SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of SCs/STs entrepreneurs provided loans in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh, under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana during each of the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the loans provided during the above period is below the target fixed during the above period; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojna (PMRY) guidelines provide for reservation of 22.5% to SC/ST borrowers. The state-wise details of loans granted by banks under the scheme during the last three years are given in Statements I, II and III attached.

The share of SC/ST borrowers in the scheme both in Uttar Pradesh and at the national level has been between 9.7% and 13.6% during the last three years. RBI has reported that sponsoring agencies are not getting sufficient number of applications from eligible SC/ST borrowers. Further, various studies conducted by RBI regarding implementation of PMRY indicate that SC/ST borrowers prefer salaried employment in Government/Semi-Government institutions to the risk prone self-employment ventures under the PMRY scheme.

Statement-I

PMRY PROGRAMME YEAR — 1994-95

Report showing position for year ended 31st March 1995

(Rs. Lakhs)

Name of the State/ Union Territory	Name of Bank:	All Scheduled Commercial Banks					% of Col. 5 to 2
		Target	Total loans sanctioned		Loans sanctioned to SC/ ST out of total loan		
			No.	Amount	No.	Amount	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
1. Andhra Pradesh		25000	18356	10429.02	2841	1369.40	11.4
2. Arunachal Pradesh		250	159	98.30	34	31.20	13.6
3. Assam		6600	5582	4209.90	887	596.72	13.4
4. Bihar		22150	11364	8407.80	1940	989.21	8.8
5. Gujarat		8500	5775	2409.35	667	280.19	7.8