

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRIORITY SECTOR LENDING
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to include other industries in the list of priority lending sector for providing loans from the public and private sector banks;
- (b) if so, the names of such industries and the percentage of loan proposed to be provided to them separately; and
- (c) the names of the new industries included by the Government in the list of priority lending sector during the last three years and percentage of loan provided to them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL):

(a) to (c) There is no proposal at this stage to include other industries in the list of priority sector lending. However, Food and agro-based proceeding units of small and medium size with investment in plant and machinery upto Rs. 5 crore were included under priority sector lending in January, 1999. The following specified industries in the food and agro-processing were included in the priority sector in August 2001:

- (i) Fruit and vegetable processing industry
- (ii) Food grain milling industry
- (iii) Dairy products
- (iv) Processing of poultry and eggs, meat products
- (v) Fish processing
- (vi) Bread, oilseeds, meals (edible), breakfast foods, biscuits, confectionery (including cocoa processing and chocolate), malt extract, protein isolate, high protein food, weaning food and extruded/over ready to eat food products.
- (vii) Aerated water/soft drinks and other processed foods
- (viii) Special packaging for food processing industries
- (ix) Technical assistance and advice to food processing industry.

The total target set for public sector and private sector banks under priority sector advances is 40% of Net Bank Credit (NBC). The target for agricultural advances is 18%.