

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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LOANS THROUGH PRIVATE BANKS  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has directed the private banks to provide loan under poverty alleviation programmes of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the private banks thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India has directed private sector banks to extend 40% of net bank credit to priority sector and 10% to weaker sections which includes beneficiaries under all poverty alleviation programmes. Private sector banks also extend loans under Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana (PMRY). The private sector banks have sanctioned an amount of Rs. 1461 crores to 2.26 lakhs applicants as on March 2003 (latest available).