

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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DISBURSEMENT OF FARM LOAN BY CENTRAL BANK  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Central Bank of India has distributed Rs. 2,000 crore of farm loans in the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of branches of this bank in different States meant for intensive agricultural lending;
- (c) the total loan distributed by the Bank during 1999-2000 under special agricultural credit plans;
- (d) the total amount the banks plans to disburse during the current year; and
- (e) the details in respect of other banks which have also provided agricultural lending in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATH) :

(a) and (b) Central Bank of India has reported that the total outstanding loans to agriculture granted by the bank as on March, 2000 amounted to Rs. 2003 crores. All the 1431 Rural Branches and 728 Semi-Urban Branches of the bank lend for agriculture. However, the bank had identified 187 branches all over the country for intensive agricultural lending during 1999-2000. During the current year, additional 85 branches have been further identified in this respect.

(c) to (e) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that Central Bank of India had disbursed an amount of Rs. 794.44 crores to the agriculture sector during 1999-2000 under Special Agricultural Credit Plan. The bank plans to disburse Rs. 990.00 crore during the current year, 2000-2001. All the 27 public sector banks have disbursed Rs. 21913.14 crore towards agriculture during 1999-2000 under the Special Agricultural Credit Plans.