GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINANCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3254 ANSWERED ON:13.08.2010 LOANS TO INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR Swamygowda Shri N Cheluvaraya Swamy

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the banks' credit to infrastructure sector have not made any improvement despite various measures being taken by the Government to help revive demand and growth in the economy;
- (b) if so, the details of the loans disbursed to the infrastructure sector by the banks during the last three years; and
- (c) the reasons for slow growth of demand for credit in the infrastructure sector and remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) to (c): As per information complied by Reserve Bank of India data on Infrastructure lending of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) as at end March 2008, March 2009 and March 2010 are as below:

Amount in Rs. Crore

SCB's credit Gross Y-o-Y Growth Credit to Credit to Y-o-Y as outstanding Advances of Gross Infrastructure Infrastructure Growth in credit at end Advances as percentage to Infrastructure to Gross Advances

03-31-2008 2331678 -10.52 193736 8.31 35.50

03-31-2009 2793134 19.79 263646 9.44 36.09

03-31-2010 3271380 17.12 367481 11.23 39.38

Data sourced from off-site returns (Domestic)

As observed from the table above, SCBs credit to infrastructure sector has grown during the last three years in absolute terms and as a ratio to the Gross advances.