

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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CREDIT TO PRIMARY SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the credit facilities are being provided by the nationalised banks according to the demand of primary sector, agriculture, animal husbandry, small industries, rural industries and agro-based industries;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the percentage of total loan provided annually to the said primary sectors during the last three years; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Union Government in order to provide loan as per the demand of the said sectors?

**Answer**

(MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE) (SHRI NAMONARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) : As per extant guidelines of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Priority Sector Lending (PSL), all domestic Scheduled Commercial Banks, including Public and Private Sector Banks, are required to earmark 18% of their Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) or credit equivalent amount of Off Balance Sheet Exposure (OBE), whichever is higher for lending to agriculture, which includes direct and indirect loans to agriculture and allied activities. Further, advances to micro and small enterprises sector will be reckoned in computing performance under the overall priority sector target of 40 per cent of ANBC or credit equivalent amount of OBE, whichever is higher.

(c) & (d): Total loans outstanding to Agriculture by Public Sector Banks, as on last reporting Friday of March, 2008, 2009 and 2010, alongwith percentage to ANBC are given below:

(Rs. in crore)  
As on last reporting Friday of March  
2008 2009 2010

Total loans to Agricultural Sector Outstanding	249,397	299,415	370,730
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% to ANBC	18.28	17.68	17.87
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Source: RBI. Note: Data Provisional.

As regards micro and small enterprises sector, the outstanding credit by Public Sector Banks as on the last reporting Friday of March, 2008, 2009 and 2010 is as under:

(Rs. in crore)  
As on last reporting Friday of March  
2008 2009 2010

Total Credit Outstanding to Micro and Small Enterprises Sector	1,51,137	1,91,307	2,78,398
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