

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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QUESTION DIRECT LOAN TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) provide direct loan to the farmers linked with primary sector, like agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the amount of loan directly provided by the PSBs to the farmers during each of the last three years and the current year, bank-wise, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to issue any guidelines for directly providing loan through nationalised banks to the farmers linked with the primary sector, like agriculture; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) to (c): Yes Sir. In terms of Reserve Bank's extant guidelines on lending to priority sector, a sub-target of 18 per cent of ANBC or Credit Equivalent amount of OBE, whichever is higher, as on March 31 of the previous year, has been mandated for lending to agriculture sector. Within this sub-target of 18 per cent, 13.5% of ANBC or Credit Equivalent amount of OBE, whichever is higher, as on March 31 of the previous year, has been mandated for direct lending to agriculture sector.
- (d) .The details of Disbursements made by Public Sector Banks under Agriculture for the last three years, Bank wise and State wise are furnished in the Annex-1 and Annex-II.
- (e) & (f): The Government of India has been setting annual target for the flow of credit to the agriculture sector. The target for the year 2011-12 was Rs 4,75,000 crore against which the achievement was 5,09,532 crore. The Govt has set the target of Rs 5,75,000 crore in 2012-13 and achievement upto Sept., 2012 is Rs 2,39,628.93 crore.