

Priority sector advances granted by public sector banks to the members of specified minority communities for all the other districts for the period ended December, 1987, December, 1988 and December, 1989 are indicated below:

(Amount in Rs. crores)  
(No. of A/cs in lakhs)

Minority Communities	December, 1987		December, 1988		December, 1989	
	No. of A/cs	Amount out-standing	No. of A/cs	Amount out-standing	No. of A/cs	Amount out-standing
1. Christians.	5.77	385.38	8.04	479.39	9.71	618.84
2. Muslims .	17.27	905.71	25.86	1379.17	29.97	1781.09
3. Neo-Budhista .	1.28	70.77	1.08	48.13	1.28	60.89
4. Sikhs .	8.36	1161.06	8.03	1211.11	8.83	1429.41
5. Zoroastrians .	0.04	12.62	0.04	15.08	0.05	22.12
Total .	32.62	2535.54	43.05	3132.88	49.84	3912.35

There are no targets assigned for bank credit to minority communities. The flow of credit to minority communities are periodically monitored by the Reserve Bank of India. The total credit to minorities is on increase, both in terms of number of accounts and outstandings.

**Loss in Production of Mica Paper by MITCO**

4998. SHRI C. SRINIVASAN. Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mica Trading Corporation of India has been put to loss in the production of mica paper due to refusal by the Japanese collaborator to honour its buyback commitment for mica paper; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take against the Japanese firm for not honouring the commitment?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has been taken up by MITCO with the collaborator to

persuade them to fulfill their buy-back commitment. Meanwhile, payment of certain amounts due from MITCO to the collaborator has been withheld.

**Functioning of Madras Doordarshan**

4999. SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARDHANAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Madras Doordarshan does not show news and programmes concerning opposition parties in Tamilnadu; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to ensure that the role of Doordarshan is not misused?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Events of public importance are duly covered by the Kendra without any discrimination on political grounds.