4.6 ADVANCES TO AGRICULTURE AND OTHER PRIORITY SECTORS BY PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS

(Accounts in thousand) (Amount in Rs. crore)

_	Number of accounts					Amount outstanding				
	June 1969	March 2000	March 2001	March 2002	March 2003	June 1969	March 2000	March 2001	March 2002	March 2003
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1. Agriculture										
(a) Direct Finance*	160	15754	18482	15291	16455	40	34247	38137	44019	51485
(b) Indirect Finance*	4	293	271	486	310	122	11049	15434	44124	19017
2. Small Scale Industries**	51	2241	1986	1851	1723	251	46045	48400	54268	53029
3. Setting up of Industrial Estate		1	1	1	2		42	52	62	58
4. Small road and water transport operators	2	501	510	449	521	5	3968	3693	4123	4267
5. Retail trade	33	3425	3310	3150	3051	19#	8224	8711	10298	12077
6. Small business		2443	2269	2377	2134		5165	5486	7005	7347
7. Professional and self employed persons	8	1174	1011	971	1065	2	2926	3301	3570	3956
8. Education	1	80	112	157	239	1	543	1028	1527	2870
9. Consumption		103	155	153	252		386	686	579	914
 State sponsored corporations/Organisation for on-lending to other priority sector 	s	45	38	29	42		295	446	709	698
 State sponsored organisation for SC/ST for purchase and supply of inputs and 		6	28	4	18		95	410	948	365
marketing of outputs 12. Housing loans		344	523	748	1147		9215	17029	25027	38702
13. Funds provided to RRBs		4	1	3			4349	430	652	23
14. Advances to self-help groups		39	68	115	 277		66	142	303	1084
15. Advances to software industries		1	1	1	5	••	91	46	81	131
16. Advances to software industries 16. Advances to food & Agro-processiong Sect	or	3	10	7	32	••	2934	5851	4398	4048
17. Investment in Venture Capital	.01	3	10				12	47	118	109
18. Total priority sector advances @	260	26457	28776	25790	27273	441	127478	149116	171485	200169
19. Total bank credit						3017	316427	341291	394064	485271
						Percentage to total advances				
1. Agriculture										
(a) Direct Finance*						1.3	10.8	11.2	11.2	10.6
(b) Indirect Finance*						4	3.5	4.5	3.6	3.9
2. Small Scale Industries**						8.3	14.0	14.7	13.8	10.9
Setting up of Industrial Estate							0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Small road and water transport operators						0.2	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.9
5. Retail trade						0.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5
6. Small business							1.6	1.6	1.8	1.5
7. Professional and self employed persons						0.1	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.8
8. Education							0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6
9. Consumption loans							0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
10. State sponsored corporations/Organisation	S						0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
for on-lending to other priority sector										
11. State sponsored organisation for SC/ST for							0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1
purchase and supply of inputs and marketing	ng									
of outputs										
12. Housing loans							2.9	5.0	6.4	8.0
13. Funds provided to RRBs							1.4	0.1	0.2	0.0
14. Advances to self-help groups							0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2
15. Advances to software industries							0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
16. Advances to food & Agro-processiong Sect	or						0.9	1.7	1.1	0.8
17. Investment in Venture Capital						440	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18. Total priority sector advances						14.6	40.3	43.7	43.5	41.2

^{*} Excludes advances to plantations other than development finance.

Note: 1. Figures may not add up to totals because of rounding.

Source: Reserve Bank of India.

^{**} Number of units.

[#] Includes small business.

Total priority sector advance is the total of items 1 to 12 & 14 to 17 and half of item 13.

Advances to Software Industries, Advances to Food & Agro-Processing Sector, and Investment in Venture Capital were included under priority sector lending in October 1998, January 1999, and April 1999, respectively. Data pertaining to these sectors are available only from March 2000.