

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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BANK LOANS TO TRIBALS OF ORISSA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of branches of various public sector banks set up in Orissa, as on date;
- (b) the total deposit and credit of these banks during the last three years;
- (c) the steps taken by these banks to extend loan assistance to the local tribals and the result thereof during last three years; and
- (d) the steps taken by these banks to promote the savings habits amongst the tribal people of the States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) and (b): Number of branches of various public sector banks in Orissa and total deposits and credit outstanding of these banks during the last three years is given below:

(Amount in Rs. lakh)

Bank group	Year	No.of branches	Deposits	Credit
S.B.I. & Associates	March 1997	474	284016	150123
	March 1998	478	349549	172804
	March 1999	479	362519	157989
Nationalised banks	March 1997	861	354900	156256
	March 1998	862	431356	171956
	March 1999	883	534773	214823

(c): The public sector banks have been providing credit assistance to Weaker Sections including tribal people under priority sector lending. The priority sector lending of public sector banks in Orissa has increased from Rs.152438 lakhs in March 1996 to Rs.190125 lakh in March 1997 and further to Rs.208920 lakh in March 1998.

(d): As at the end of March 1999, rural areas of Orissa was served by 1619 branches of commercial banks with aggregate deposits of Rs.331570 lakhs. With the spread of branches in rural areas the banking habits of the population is also expected to grow.