

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6279  
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LENDING TO PRIORITY SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the bank lending targets to priority sector including the food and agro-based processing sector in the States of Tripura, Assam, Mizoram and other States of North Eastern Region;
- (b) the State-wise achievements in priority sector lending during the last three years;
- (c) whether the ending amount has covered 40 per cent the net bank credit to the priority sector and in each of the States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the steps taken against the defaulting banks?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has stipulated a target of 40 per cent of net bank credit for lending to the priority sector including food and agro-based processing sector, by domestic scheduled commercial banks on All India basis. No State-wise target has been stipulated for priority sector lending.
- (b) Outstanding advances to the priority sector by scheduled commercial banks to the States of North Eastern Region during the last three years are given below:

(Amount in Rs.crore)

Name of State	March 1996	March 1997	March 1998
Assam	853.64	1095.21	1015.68
Manipur	75.76	96.31	102.86
Meghalaya	49.39	49.55	62.40
Nagaland	84.94	72.28	59.46
Tripura	99.13	122.53	132.43
Arunachal Pradesh	17.31	20.27	23.79
Mizoram	15.78	19.18	22.72

- (c) to (e) Do not arise in view of the reply given at (a) above.