

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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LOANS TO SUPER CYCLONE AFFECTED AREA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the roles scheduled Banks including State Bank of India have so far played in the restoration, reconstruction and recovery of economy of the Super Cyclone affected area and people of Orissa;
- (b) whether the Government propose to waive last year's Kharif and Rabi loans outstanding against all the farmers of super cyclone affected areas of Orissa;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to help them during the ongoing Kharif season through providing adequate loan/assistance?

Answer

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

(a) and (d) As per extant guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), banks have taken action to reschedule/rephase the dues both in respect of short term and long term loan instalments and grant fresh loans to non-willful defaulters, granted moratorium of two years on agriculture loans etc. During the meeting of the SLBC convened by UCO Bank at Bhubneshwar recently, it has been decided that for the current Kharif season, Co-operative banks and Commercial banks (including RRBs) would disburse crop loan of Rs. 350 crores and Rs. 130 crores respectively.

As per the information provided by the UCO Bank, convenor bank for the State-Level Banker's Committee (SLBC) for the State of Orissa, the details of loan disbursed by banks including State Bank of India, Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) & Co-operative banks for various activities of the cyclone affected areas of Orissa are as under:

Loan disbursed

Name of the sub sector	No.of Account	Amount
(Rs.in lakhs)		

Consumption loan	6928	130.91
Crop loan	237693	13648.16
Agricultural Term loan	6082	2248.55
Allied Agriculture	5893	1005.34
Small Scale Industry loan	8038	3258.20
Other priority sectors	41767	8658.23
Housing loan	1079	1594.08
Education loan	35	44.73
Total	307515	30588.20

(b) and (c) No proposal to grant general waiver of loans outstanding against Government at present.