

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2304**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21st March 2023, Phalguna 30, 1944 (Saka)

Women farmers serviced by banks under priority sector lending of agriculture

QUESTION

2304 . ANEEL PRASAD HEGDE

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of women farmers serviced by banks under priority sector lending of agriculture;
- (b) whether RBI publishes gender disaggregated data on credit disbursals and borrowings; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(DR. BHAGWAT KARAD)

(a) to (c) As per extant Priority Sector Lending (PSL) guidelines prescribed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), lending to individual women beneficiaries up to Rs. 1.0 lakh per borrower, lending to Self Help Groups etc, are considered as eligible PSL under 'Weaker Sections' category. An overall target of 11% of Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) has been prescribed under 'Weaker Sections' for Financial Year 2021-22, against which banks have achieved 12% of their ANBC as on 31st March 2022. Disaggregated data on women farmers under PSL is not maintained under the provisions of extant guidelines on PSL.
