

Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Financial Services

**RAJYA SABHA**  
Starred Question No. \*165

Answered on Tuesday, December 10, 2024/19 Agrahayana, 1946 (Saka)

**Targets of priority sector lending in Public Sector Banks**

165 # Smt. Sangeeta Yadav:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the priority sector lending targets given to Public Sector Banks;
- (b) the current status thereof;
- (c) whether additional timelines have been given to Public Sector Banks for achieving these targets; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE FINANCE MINISTER  
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**Statement referred in reply to parts (a) to d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. \*165 to be answered on 10.12.2024 regarding Targets of priority sector lending in Public Sector Banks by Smt. Sangeeta Yadav**

(a) to (d) The Priority Sector Lending (PSL) target and sub-targets prescribed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and achievement thereof, as on March 31, 2024, are as below:

Categories	Targets / Sub – targets*	Priority sector Lending by PSBs as on March 31, 2024	
		Amount outstanding (in crore)	% Achievement
Total Priority Sector	40	31,85,092	42.63
Agriculture	18	14,25,554	19.08
Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs)	10	8,32,757	11.15
Non-Corporate Farmers	13.78	11,05,493	14.80
Micro Enterprises	7.50	5,97,854	8.00
Advances to Weaker Sections	12	10,53,784	14.11

\* % of Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) or Credit Equivalent of Off-Balance Exposures (CEOBE), whichever is higher

The sub-targets for lending to SMFs and for Weaker Sections were revised upwards from the FY 2021-22 onwards:

Financial Year	SMF target	Weaker Sections target
2020-21	8	10
2021-22	9	11
2022-23	9.5	11.5
2023-24	10	12

RBI has informed that no additional timelines have been given to Public Sector banks for achieving these targets post March 31, 2024.

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