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	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
(vi) Grants for Upgradation and Special Problems (vii) Grants for Local Bodies	79.36 126.90	24.29 146.34	64.58 63.29

Kisan Credit Cards

3110. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Kisan Credit Cards issued in Karnataka;
- (b) whether it is a fact that many banks are refusing to give credit under the credit cards; and
- (c) if so, whether Government are going to take any action against the erring banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have reported that as on 30 June, 2001 a total of 9,26,509 Kisan Credit Cards have been issued by all banks in Karnataka since the Inception of the scheme.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Private Sector in pension schemes

3111. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to allow private sector to enter into the pension schemes;