

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