

## Bank Lending Survey for Q3:2025-26

Today, the Reserve Bank released the results of 34<sup>th</sup> round of its quarterly Bank Lending Survey (BLS)<sup>1</sup>, which captures qualitative assessment and expectations of major scheduled commercial banks on credit parameters (*viz.*, loan demand as well as terms and conditions of loans) for major economic sectors<sup>2</sup>. The latest round of the survey, which was conducted during Q3:2025-26, collected senior loan officers' assessment of credit parameters for Q3:2025-26 and their expectations for Q4:2025-26 and Q1, Q2 of 2026-27.

### Highlights:

#### A. Assessment for Q3:2025-26

- Bankers assessed higher loan demand from most of the sectors of the economy during Q3:2025-26 as compared to the previous quarter ([Chart 1](#) and [Table 1](#)).
- Majority of the responding bankers indicated easier loan terms and conditions ([Table 2](#)).

#### B. Expectations for Q4:2025-26

- Bankers' outlook on overall loan demand improved for Q4:2025-26, mainly driven by manufacturing, infrastructure, services, and retail/personal loans sectors ([Table 1](#)).
- Overall, easy terms and conditions for loans are expected to prevail during the quarter ([Table 2](#)).

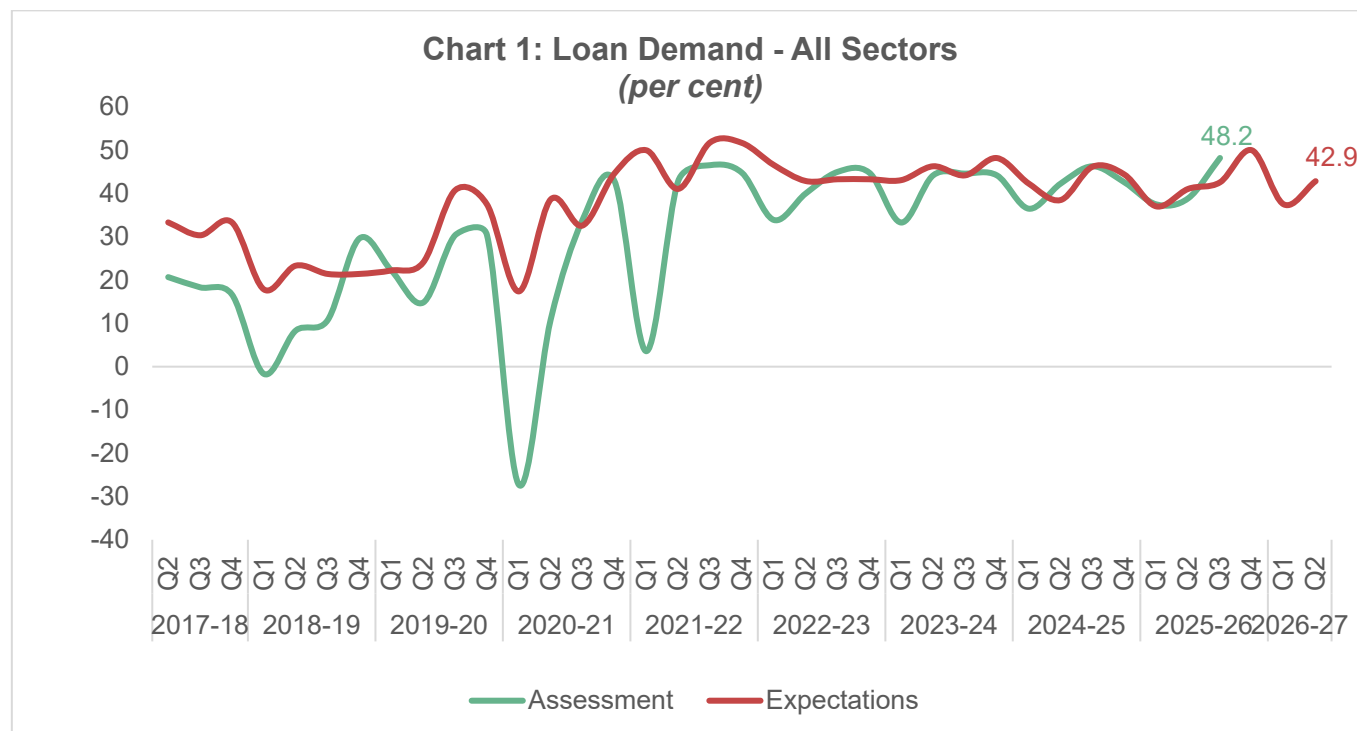
#### C. Expectations for Q1:2026-27 and Q2:2026-27

- Responding bankers continue to expect increased loan demand and easier loan terms and conditions from all major sectors till Q2:2026-27 ([Table 3](#)).

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<sup>1</sup> The results of 33<sup>rd</sup> round of the BLS with reference period as July-September 2025 were released on the RBI website on [October 01, 2025](#). The survey results reflect the views of the respondents, which are not necessarily shared by the Reserve Bank.

<sup>2</sup> The survey questionnaire is canvassed among major 30 SCBs, which together account for over 90 per cent of credit by SCBs in India.



**Table 1: Sector-wise Loan Demand - Net Response<sup>3</sup>**

(per cent)

Sector	Assessment Period		Expectations Period	
	Q2:2025-26*	Q3:2025-26	Q3:2025-26*	Q4:2025-26
<b>All Sectors</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>50.0</b>
Agriculture	39.7	43.3	44.8	41.7
Mining and Quarrying	1.9	16.1	14.8	16.1
Manufacturing	37.5	36.2	44.6	50.0
Infrastructure	20.7	40.0	34.5	46.7
Services	35.2	48.2	37.0	48.2
Retail/Personal	37.5	41.4	39.3	46.6

\* Based on the previous round's response.

<sup>3</sup> Net Response (NR) is computed as the difference of percentage of banks reporting increase/optimism and those reporting decrease/pessimism in respective parameter. The weights of +1.0, 0.5, 0, -0.5 and -1.0 are assigned for computing NR from aggregate per cent responses on 5-point scale, i.e., substantial increase/ considerable easing, moderate increase/ somewhat easing, no change, moderate decrease/ somewhat tightening, substantial decrease/ considerable tightening for loan demand/loan terms and conditions parameters respectively. NR ranges between -100 to 100. Any value greater than zero indicates expansion/optimism and any value less than zero indicates contraction/pessimism. Increase in loan demand is considered optimism ([Table 1](#)), while for loan terms and conditions, a positive value of net response indicates easy terms and conditions ([Table 2](#)).

**Table 2: Sector-wise Loan Terms and Conditions - Net Response**

(per cent)

Sector	Assessment Period		Expectations Period	
	Q2:2025-26*	Q3:2025-26	Q3:2025-26*	Q4:2025-26
<b>All Sectors</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>22.2</b>
Agriculture	15.5	18.3	19.0	18.3
Mining and Quarrying	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.0
Manufacturing	12.5	12.5	21.4	21.4
Infrastructure	6.9	12.1	10.3	13.8
Services	18.5	18.5	22.2	22.2
Retail/Personal	18.5	22.2	22.2	24.1

\* Based on the previous round's response.

**Table 3: Sector-wise Expectations for Extended Period - Net Response**

(per cent)

Sector	Loan Demand		Loan Terms and Conditions	
	Q1:2026-27	Q2:2026-27	Q1:2026-27	Q2:2026-27
<b>All Sectors</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>24.1</b>
Agriculture	36.7	38.3	21.7	20.0
Mining and Quarrying	14.3	16.1	3.7	1.9
Manufacturing	36.7	45.0	25.9	24.1
Infrastructure	38.3	36.7	15.5	13.8
Services	42.9	46.4	21.2	25.0
Retail/Personal	28.3	33.3	24.1	22.4

**Note:** [Please see the attached excel file for detailed time series data.](#)