

Defining the Question (The Problem Statement).

During the Fiscal Year 2022-23, there was a huge public outcry regarding the state of Non-Performing Loans (NPLs) in the banking sector in Nepal. The purpose of this analysis is to figure out the state of loans provided by the BFIs in Nepal. Further, the study tries to find out the following:

- The proportion of fixed and current asset-based loans in the industry. The higher the proportion of fixed asset-backed loans, the lower the chance of banks being insolvent.
- To figure out the change in business models of individual banks. Significant changes in the proportion of loans to different sectors indicate a bank's interest in a specific industry.
- To find out the change in DSL (Deprived Sector Lending). We required this to assess the change in loans given to the Microfinance industry.

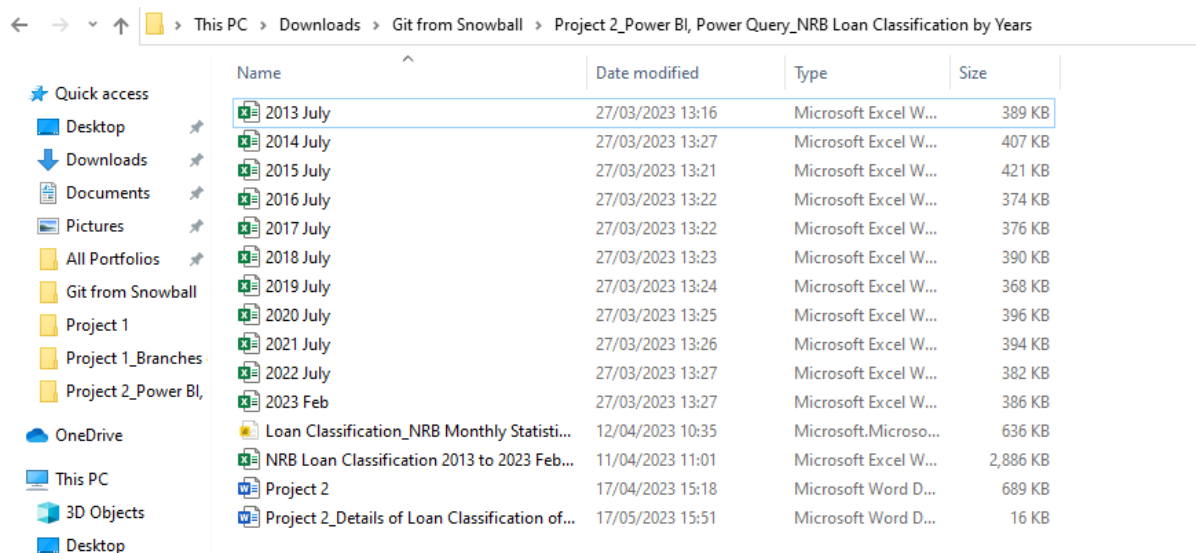
Collecting the Data.

Data was collected from Nepal Rastra Bank's website. Nepal Rastra Bank or NRB is the central bank of Nepal. <https://www.nrb.org.np/category/monthly-statistics/?department=bfr>

Time period of the study: July 2013 to Feb 2023

Background: NRB publishes provisional Banking and Financial Statistics each month. Each publication is around 60 pages long and contains details of financial statements of loans and deposits of individual and industry-wise data of Commercial Banks, Development Banks, Finance Companies, and only industry-wise data of Microfinance Institutions.

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Following is a snapshot of the data from the central bank's website.

Statement of Credit as on Mangsir end, 2079(Mid-Dec, 2022)

Amt in Mn of Rs

BFI Name	NBL	RBB	NABIL	NIBL	SCBNL	HBL	NSBI
Sector Wise							
Agricultural and Forest Related	7,242.71	16,336.47	15,763.86	7,185.78	8,144.76	10,246.31	6,693.11
Fishery Related	609.97	1,008.03	607.50	210.99	-	213.29	63.07
Mining Related	2,876.93	-	415.30	283.86	-	-	254.15
Manufacturing (Producing) Related	40,190.25	28,428.69	59,231.24	55,271.20	13,418.45	58,321.27	33,342.59
Construction	1,780.11	3,603.45	3,016.18	4,562.60	7,303.23	1,199.96	1,978.43
Electricity,Gas and Water	11,372.17	15,528.52	19,003.30	15,812.47	5,702.27	4,957.73	7,082.43
Metal Products, Mach. & Ele. Eqp.	4,730.10	2,388.22	3,229.50	1,439.65	3,321.86	10,078.98	2,261.24
Tras., Com. and Public Utilities	2,442.17	1,475.78	2,488.43	1,843.48	3,612.35	3,383.17	239.23
Wholesaler & Retailer	28,325.31	50,719.26	75,509.06	33,444.27	25,215.45	32,329.62	27,820.29
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	8,328.16	26,661.08	12,620.24	12,028.79	5,100.72	13,932.69	5,443.88
Hotel or Restaurant	7,314.51	11,235.13	9,033.93	14,090.45	1,593.75	6,529.46	6,272.05
Other Services	6,759.30	7,525.22	27,006.40	17,427.63	1,695.91	4,711.34	1,987.16
Consumption Loans	53,448.69	63,408.07	39,909.76	10,919.95	15,821.04	9,888.60	16,158.09
Local Government	-	-	-	383.43	138.81	255.20	-
Others	2,608.54	828.33	49,224.97	4,031.05	227.05	5,858.26	9,630.61
TOTAL sectorwise	178,028.93	229,146.25	317,059.67	178,935.59	91,295.65	161,905.86	119,226.33

Product Wise							
Term Loan	40,052.59	50,364.53	57,089.15	59,996.43	7,806.60	40,307.02	28,202.28
Overdraft	33,383.71	23,928.31	47,075.58	20,695.67	6,222.12	15,146.74	1,133.63
Trust Receipt Loan / Import Loan	2,018.31	986.59	8,312.87	11,485.12	6,643.58	8,126.18	1,996.88
Demand & Other Working Capital Loan	29,888.50	37,790.39	91,072.70	55,787.10	31,151.90	65,618.82	44,504.08
Res. Per. H. Loan (Up to Rs. 15 mil.)	7,887.15	20,433.13	20,300.90	1,974.23	8,952.54	3,862.56	2,123.34
Real Estate Loan	9,465.50	16,363.89	17,519.60	7,756.06	7,601.84	6,896.43	5,470.63
Margin Nature Loan	3,546.08	4,424.49	6,892.64	1,760.97	-	1,208.87	32.41
Hire Purchase Loan	2,701.60	5,109.98	8,285.00	2,716.19	4,645.17	6,474.52	2,582.92
Deprived Sector Loan	10,844.94	16,267.94	17,131.28	10,576.87	5,188.81	8,244.40	6,494.16
Bills Purchased	2.80	8.52	9.03	563.74	312.81	21.50	0.08
Other Product	38,237.74	53,468.48	43,370.91	5,623.21	12,770.27	5,998.82	26,685.92
Total Product wise Loan	178,028.93	229,146.25	317,059.67	178,935.59	91,295.65	161,905.86	119,226.33

Collateral Wise							
Gold and Silver	16,916.68	18,289.73	560.65	1,825.93	-	-	-
Government Securities	0.84	1,520.52	24.81	2.00	3,000.00	-	-
Non Governmental Securities	196.38	4,424.49	6,850.03	1,754.34	-	1,208.87	32.41
Fixed Deposit Receipts	877.58	1,106.33	2,386.97	1,019.66	6,196.65	698.53	1,264.82
Own	877.58	1,106.33	2,210.01	1,018.16	6,192.38	698.53	1,264.82
Other Licences Institutions	-	-	176.96	1.50	4.28	-	-
Collateral of Properties	151,398.47	178,068.58	248,283.99	162,035.70	73,128.77	154,739.78	100,826.36
Fixed Assets	133,543.86	177,866.17	165,177.55	145,794.86	56,897.15	154,739.78	50,455.71
Current Assets	17,854.62	202.41	83,106.43	16,240.84	16,231.62	-	50,370.65
Against security of Bill	741.37	5.89	2,509.01	40.36	-	21.50	1,998.76
Domestic Bills	-	-	70.66	10.00	-	8.96	-
Foreign Bills	741.37	5.89	2,438.35	30.36	-	12.54	1,998.76
Against Guarantee	6,005.34	25,684.55	7,718.33	5,638.99	1,428.53	5,036.68	5,869.12
Government Guarantee	29.38	-	91.30	383.43	138.81	-	156.08
Institutional Guarantee	5,257.80	15,533.88	5,863.24	3,808.03	1,289.73	-	5,244.49
Personal Guarantee	278.82	10,106.07	1,755.82	1,447.09	-	-	-
Collective Guarantee	5.27	44.60	7.98	-	-	-	-
Int. Rtd. Foreign Bank's Guarantee	41.78	-	-	-	-	141.46	468.55
Other Guarantee	392.28	-	-	0.43	-	4,895.22	-
Credit Card	0.00	6.34	620.32	58.76	415.63	200.51	-
Others	1,892.27	39.82	48,105.57	6,559.84	7,126.06	-	9,234.85
Total	178,028.93	229,146.25	317,059.67	178,935.59	91,295.65	161,905.86	119,226.33

Cleaning the Data.

Each of the 11 Excel files had at least 40 tables. Only 10-15 tables were required for our study.

Macros were used initially to convert the tables into Excel recognizable tables and nomenclature was given to each table as "TableN", where "N" stands for 1,2,3..., N.

This nomenclature was required to distinguish the tables required for the study from other tables.

All 11 Excel files were loaded in a new Excel file using **Power Query**.

Only required tables were selected for the study using:

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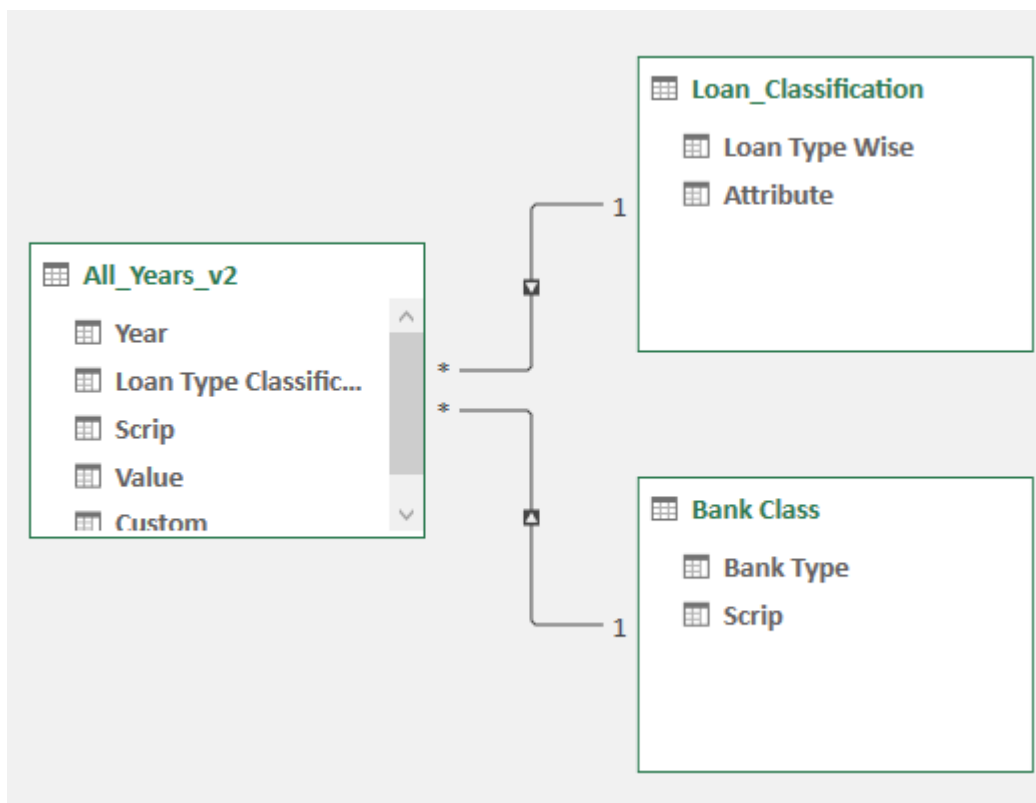
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Added Custom	✖

Multiple “Replaced Value” was used to filter out the non-listed, merged, or acquired banks.

Finally, the data were transformed into five columns and 33,908 rows. It was then loaded to the Excel sheet and added to the data model.

	A ^B _C Year	A ^B _C Loan Type Classification	A ^B _C Scrip	1 ² ₃ Value	ABC ₁₂₃ Custom
1	2013	Agricultural and Forest Related	NBL	1038	10.38
2	2013	Agricultural and Forest Related	RBB	1271	12.71
3	2013	Agricultural and Forest Related	NABIL	806	8.06
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11	2013	Agricultural and Forest Related	NCC	589	5.89
12	2013	Agricultural and Forest Related	NIC	459	4.59
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Following relationships were created among the three tables based on a primary fields “Scrip” and “Loan Type Classification”.



Analyzing the Data.

Pivot Tables were used to analyse various useful trends.

Loan Type \ Collateral \ Year

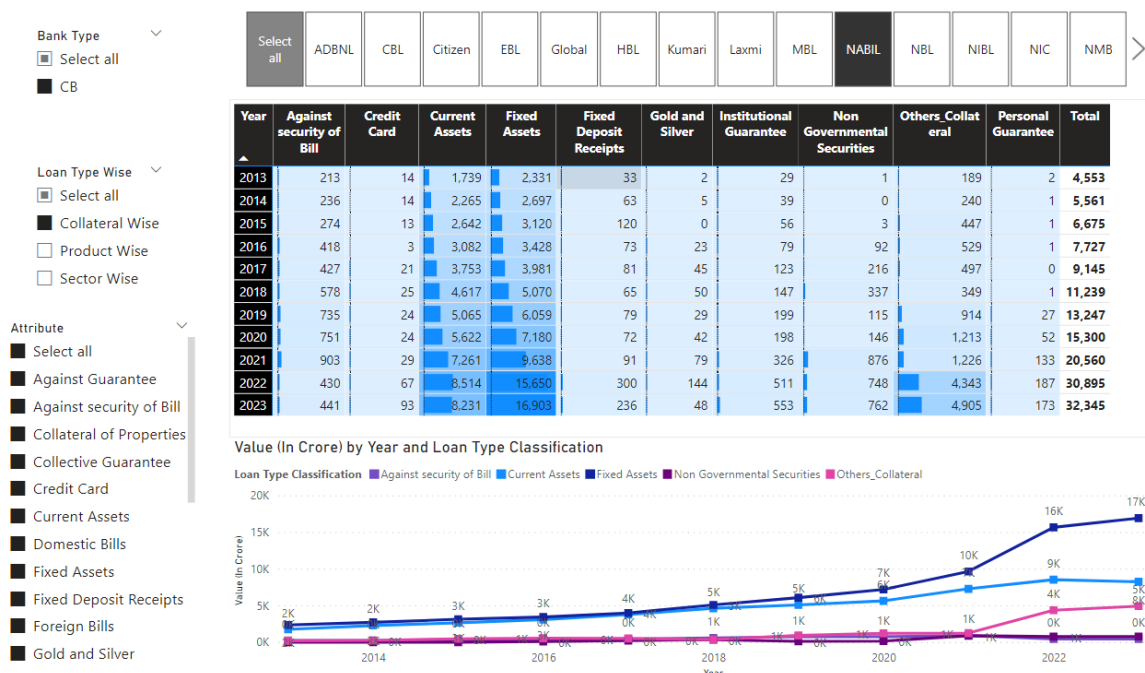
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2014		38%	53%	3%	5%	1%	100%
2015		39%	50%	4%	8%	0%	100%
2016		42%	48%	4%	7%	0%	100%
2017		41%	52%	4%	3%	0%	100%
2018		34%	60%	5%	2%	0%	100%
2019		23%	72%	5%	1%	0%	100%
2020		11%	81%	7%	0%	0%	100%
2021		4%	88%	6%	2%	0%	100%
2022		3%	89%	5%	1%	2%	100%
2023		3%	90%	5%	0%	3%	100%
Grand Total		14%	78%	5%	2%	1%	100%

Bank Type

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Finance

Loan Type Wise

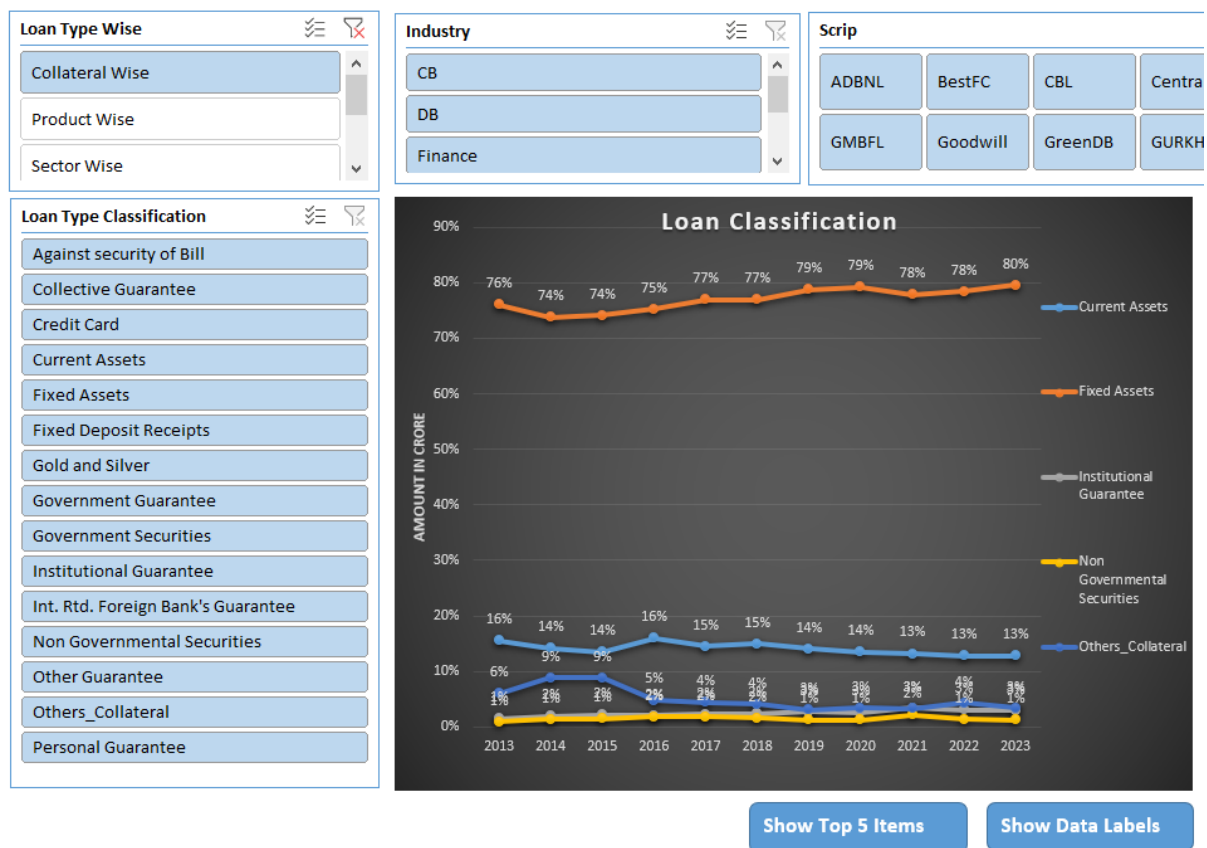
Collateral Wise
Product Wise
Sector Wise



Visualizing the Data.

A Dynamic visualization was possible using **Pivot Charts and Power BI** and the questions defined in the problem statement were answered.

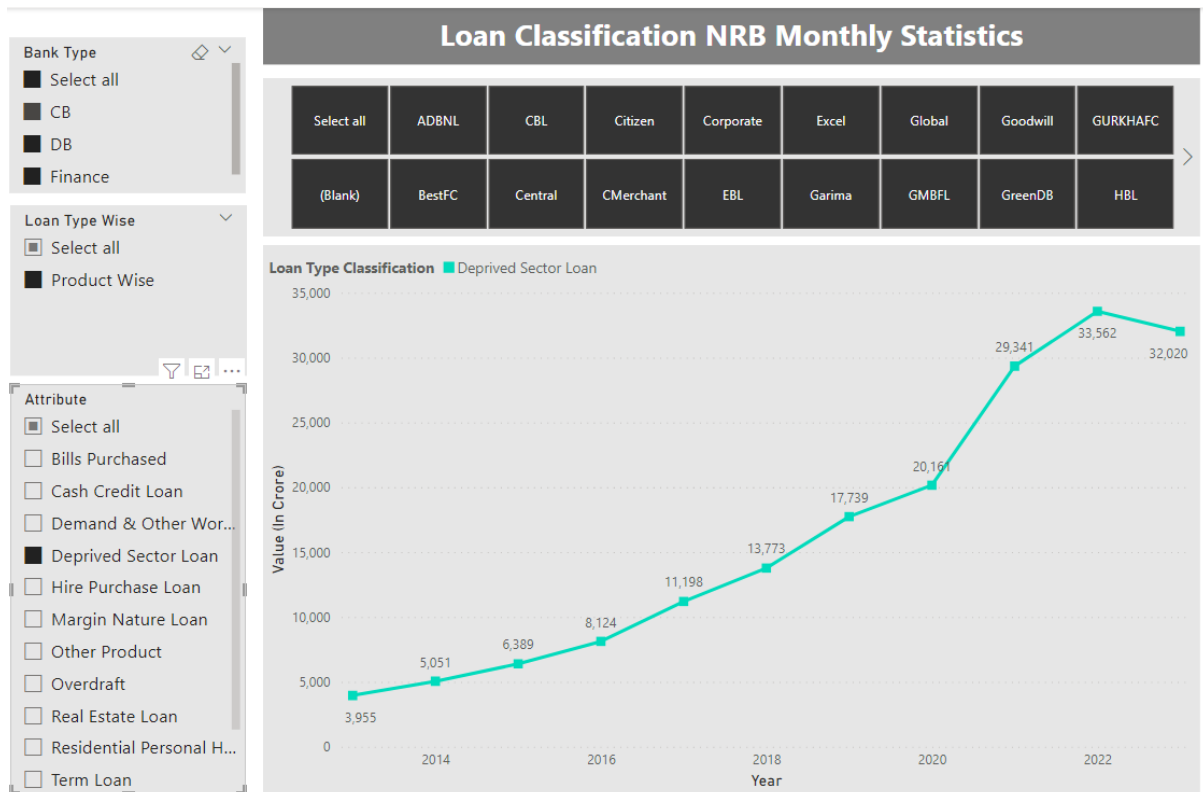
- 80% of loans from Commercial banks, Development banks, and Finance companies were backed by Fixed assets-based collateral. This indicates a strong position of banks in Nepal to recover losses as they are mostly backed by fixed assets.



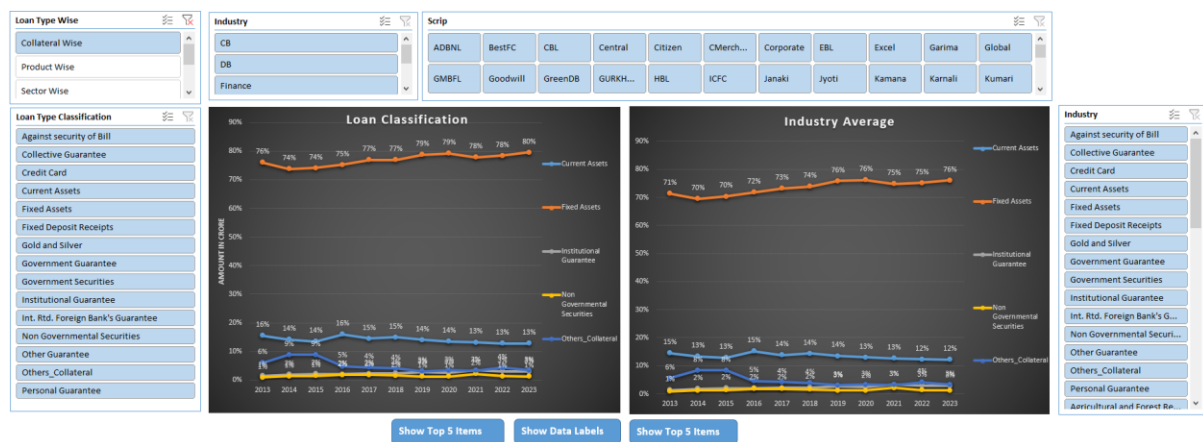
- We saw a change in NIC Asia Bank's business model from wholesale to retail from 2017 onwards as fixed assets-backed loans started to shoot up while the current assets-backed loans continued to decline.



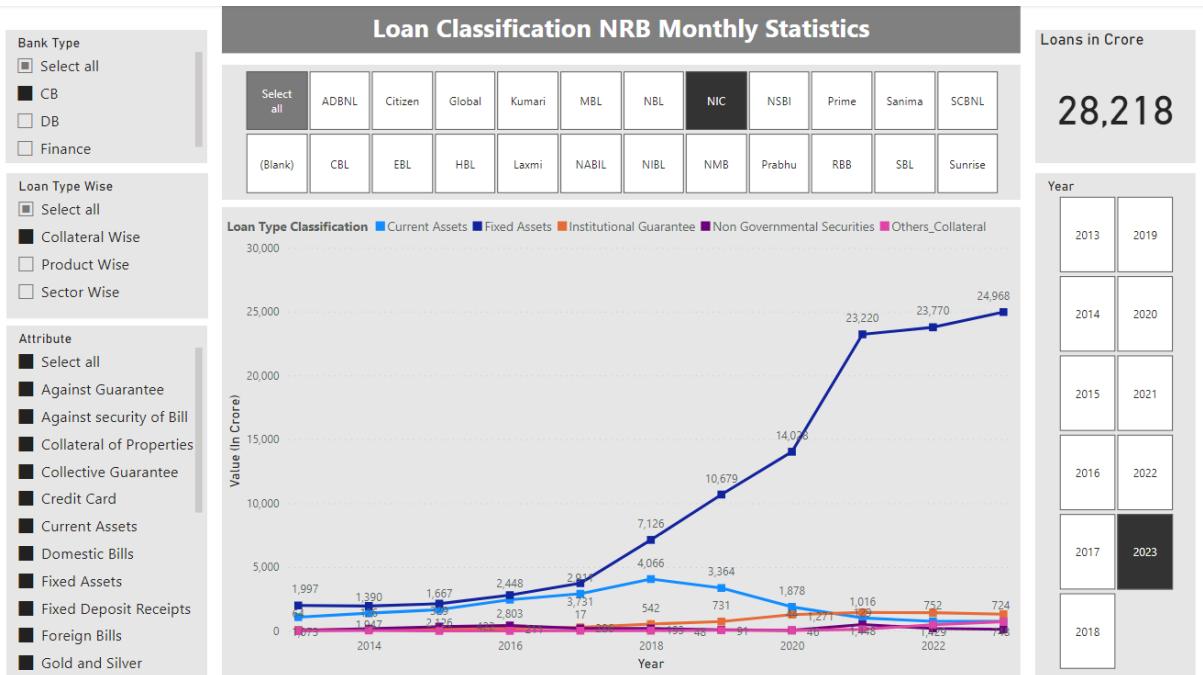
- We figured out that the DSL, which was in increasing trend from 2013 to 2022, declined by 1,500 crores in Feb 2023. This might have negative implications for microfinance companies in the years to come.



Dashboard in Excel:



Dashboard in Power BI:



Year	Value (in Crore)
2013	1,997
2014	1,390
2015	1,667
2016	2,448
2017	2,911
2018	7,126
2019	10,679
2020	14,079
2021	23,220
2022	23,770
2023	24,968

Year	Value (in Crore)
2013	1,075
2014	1,047
2015	2,426
2016	2,803
2017	3,731
2018	4,066
2019	3,364
2020	1,878
2021	1,016
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