

2. Foreign Exchange Reserves

<i>Item</i>	As on August 24, 2012		Variation over							
			Week		End-March 2012		End-December 2011		Year	
	₹ Bn.	US\$ Mn.	₹ Bn.	US\$ Mn.	₹ Bn.	US\$ Mn.	₹ Bn.	US\$ Mn.	₹ Bn.	US\$ Mn.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total Reserves	16,081.2	290,179.3	-14.4	1,259.9	1,019.9	-4,218.2	276.5	-6,509.4	1,431.1	-28,995.3
(a) Foreign Currency Assets +	14,281.0	257,872.5	-14.8	1,215.7 *	975.9	-2,196.2	274.5	-5,060.8	1,101.7	-28,322.2
(b) Gold \$	1,435.1	25,714.7	—	—	52.6	-1,308.4	17.0	-905.6	315.7	366.0
(c) SDRs @	242.9	4,386.0	0.2	29.4	14.3	-83.3	7.0	-43.0	29.2	-254.5
(d) Reserve Position in the IMF**	122.2	2,206.1	0.2	14.8	-22.9	-630.3	-22.0	-500.0	-15.5	-784.6

+ Excludes ₹ 43.7 billion/US\$ 790 million invested in foreign currency denominated bonds issued by IIFC (UK).

* Foreign currency assets expressed in US dollar terms include the effect of appreciation/depreciation of non-US currencies (such as Euro, Sterling, Yen) held in reserves. For details, please refer to the Current Statistics section of the RBI Bulletin.

** Reserve Position in the International Monetary Fund (IMF), i.e., Reserve Tranche Position (RTP) which was shown as a memo item from May 23, 2003 to March 26, 2004 has been included in the reserves from the week ended April 2, 2004 in keeping with the international best practice.

@ Includes SDR 3,082.5 million (equivalent to US\$ 4,883 million) allocated under general allocation and SDR 214.6 million (equivalent to US\$ 340 million) allocated under special allocation by IMF done on August 28, 2009 and September 9, 2009, respectively.

\$ Includes ₹314.6 billion (US\$ 6,699 million) reflecting the purchase of 200 metric tonnes of gold from IMF on November 3, 2009.