

2. Foreign Exchange Reserves

Item	As on March 16, 2012		Variation over							
			Week		End-March 2011		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	14,794.0	294,821.4	120.5	862.4	1,183.9	-9,996.7	-1,010.7	-1,867.3	1,106.9	-8,684.9
(a) Foreign Currency Assets +	13,054.9	259,489.3	120.8	910.6 *	806.1	-14,840.5	-951.6	-3,444.0	712.5	-14,238.0
(b) Gold \$	1,376.6	28,127.7	—	—	350.9	5,155.3	-41.5	1,507.4	376.2	5,985.0
(c) SDRs @	222.4	4,419.9	-0.2	-29.7	18.4	-149.1	-13.5	-9.1	-13.4	-809.1
(d) Reserve Position in the IMF**	140.1	2,784.5	-0.1	-18.5	8.5	-162.4	-4.1	78.4	31.6	377.2

+ Excludes ₹ 27.7 billion/US\$ 550 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.