

2. Foreign Exchange Reserves

Item	As on March 23, 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	14,970.2	295,140.0	176.2	318.6	1,360.1	-9,678.1	-834.5	-1,548.7	1,408.0	-8,341.7
(a) Foreign Currency Assets +	13,223.4	259,740.5	168.5	251.2 *	974.6	-14,589.3	-783.1	-3,192.8	1,002.8	-13,957.5
(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 @	226.5	4,448.5	4.1	28.6	22.5	-120.5	-9.4	19.5	-7.1	-783.8
(d) Reserve Position in the IMF**	143.7	2,823.3	3.6	38.8	12.1	-123.6	-0.5	117.2	36.1	414.6

+ Excludes ₹ 28.0 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.