

2. Foreign Exchange Reserves

<i>Item</i>	As on May 25, 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	15,979.3	288,258.8	126.9	-1,741.7	918.0	-6,138.7	174.6	-8,429.9	1,974.3	-21,955.9
(a) Foreign Currency Assets +	14,178.1	254,406.2	122.4	-1,711.0 *	873.0	-5,662.5	171.6	-8,527.1	1,570.3	-24,466.6
(b) Gold \$	1,398.0	26,617.9	—	—	15.5	-405.2	-20.1	-2.4	342.2	2,827.4
(c) SDRs @	244.1	4,380.7	2.7	-18.6	15.5	-88.6	8.2	-48.3	36.6	-209.9
(d) Reserve Position in the IMF**	159.1	2,854.0	1.8	-12.1	14.0	17.6	14.9	147.9	25.2	-106.8

+ Excludes ₹ 37.5 billion/US\$ 673 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.