

2. Foreign Exchange Reserves

<i>Item</i>	As on Mar. 20, 2009		Variation over							
			Week		End-March 2008		End-December 2008		Year	
	Rs. Crore	US\$ Mn.	Rs. Crore	US\$ Mn.	Rs. Crore	US\$ Mn.	Rs. Crore	US\$ Mn.	Rs. Crore	US\$ Mn.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Total Reserves	12,73,257	253,826	-10,983	5,102	35,292	-55,897	33,096	-2,142	41,425	-50,831
(a) Foreign Currency Assets +	12,19,596	243,238	-10,961	5,081*	23,573	-55,992	24,806	-3,365	27,740	-51,411
(b) Gold	49,440	9,746	—	—	9,316	-293	8,330	1,261	11,286	188
(c) SDRs	6	1	—	—	-68	-17	-7	-2	-68	-17
(d) Reserve Position in the IMF**	4,215	841	-22	21	2,471	405	-33	-36	2,467	409

+ : Excludes US\$ 250 million /Rs.1254 crore 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.