

2. Foreign Exchange Reserves

<i>Item</i>	As on Mar. 6, 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	12,73,041	247,292	8,452	-1,986	35,076	-62,431	32,880	-8,676	43,699	-56,168
(a) Foreign Currency Assets	12,19,383	236,727	8,381	-1,988*	23,360	-62,503	24,593	-9,876	29,945	-56,744
(b) Gold	49,440	9,746	—	—	9,316	-293	8,330	1,261	11,286	188
(c) SDRs	6	1	—	—	-68	-17	-7	-2	5	1
(d) Reserve Position in the IMF**	4,212	818	71	2	2,468	382	-36	-59	2,463	387

* : 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.