

2. Foreign Exchange Reserves

<i>Item</i>	As on May 15, 2009		Variation over							
			Week		End-March 2009		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	12,60,208	254,207	-1,195	-1,734	-23,657	2,222	20,047	-1,761	-76,980	-59,874
(a) Foreign Currency Assets +	12,07,799	243,754	-1,292	-1,747*	-22,267	2,328	13,009	-2,849	-88,961	-60,364
(b) Gold	46,357	9,231	—	—	-2,436	-346	5,247	746	8,216	-196
(c) SDRs	3	1	-3	—	-3	—	-10	-2	-44	-10
(d) Reserve Position in the IMF**	6,049	1,221	100	13	1,049	240	1,801	344	3,809	696

+ : Excludes Rs.1239 crore /US\$ 250 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.