

2. Foreign Exchange Reserves

<i>Item</i>	As on Apr. 17, 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	12,56,167	252,460	-7,438	-517	-27,698	475	16,006	-3,508	3,881	-61,074
(a) Foreign Currency Assets +	12,02,517	241,906	-7,419	-517*	-27,549	480	7,727	-4,697	-7,616	-61,082
(b) Gold	48,793	9,577	—	—	—	—	7,683	1,092	8,669	-462
(c) SDRs	6	1	—	—	—	—	-7	-2	-68	-17
(d) Reserve Position in the IMF**	4,851	976	-19	—	-149	-5	603	99	2,896	487

+ : Excludes Rs.1243 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.