

## 2. Foreign Exchange Reserves

Item	As on May 12, 2006		Variation over							
			Week		End-March 2006		End-December 2005		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
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>7,37,666</b>	<b>1,63,755</b>	<b>8,703</b>	<b>1,342</b>	<b>61,279</b>	<b>12,133</b>	<b>1,19,283</b>	<b>26,549</b>	<b>1,28,789</b>	<b>23,581</b>
(a) Foreign Currency Assets	7,05,780	1,56,666	8,664	1,337*	58,453	11,558	1,15,283	25,648	1,22,579	22,381
(b) Gold	28,335	6,301	—	—	2,661	546	4,565	1,027	8,942	1,858
(c) SDRs	2	—	-23	-6	-10	-3	-18	-5	-17	-4
(d) Reserve Position in the IMF**	3,550	788	62	11	176	32	-546	-121	-2,714	-654

\* : 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.