

2. Foreign Exchange Reserves

Item	As on May 19, 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
Total Reserves	7,40,516	1,62,962	2,850	-793	64,129	11,340	1,22,133	25,756	1,32,954	23,308
(a) Foreign Currency Assets	7,08,625	1,55,879	2,845	-787*	61,298	10,771	1,18,128	24,861	1,26,738	22,112
(b) Gold	28,335	6,301	—	—	2,661	546	4,565	1,027	8,942	1,858
(c) SDRs	2	—	—	—	-10	-3	-18	-5	-17	-4
(d) Reserve Position in the IMF**	3,554	782	5	-6	180	26	-542	-127	-2,709	-658

* : 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.