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India's International Investment Position (IIP), December 2014¹

International Investment Position (IIP) is a statistical statement that shows, at a point in time, the value and the composition of (a) financial assets of residents of an economy that are claims on non-residents, and gold bullion held as reserve assets; and (b) liabilities of residents of an economy to non-residents. The difference between an economy's external financial assets and liabilities is its net IIP, which may be positive or negative. Such balance sheet analysis of international accounts is an important input for understanding external sustainability and vulnerability, and is also useful in analysing the economic structure.

The highlights of IIP for the <u>quarter-ended December 2014</u> are as follows:

- Net claims of non-residents on India (as reflected by the net IIP) declined marginally by US\$ 1.2 billion over the previous quarter to US\$ 356.5 billion as at end-December 2014 (Table 1). This change in the net position reflected a US\$ 2.0 billion increase in the value of Indian residents' financial assets abroad vis-à-vis a US\$ 0.8 billion increase in the value of foreign-owned assets in India.
- Indian residents' financial assets abroad stood at US\$ 490.5 billion as at end-December 2014 exhibiting an increase of US\$ 2.0 billion over previous quarter mainly due to increase of US\$ 6.9 billion in reserve assets even as other investments abroad (trade credit, loans, currency and deposits, etc.) declined by US\$ 5.3 billion.
- Foreign-owned assets in India increased by US\$ 0.8 billion over the previous quarter to US\$ 847.0 billion mainly due to an increase of US\$ 1.4 billion in other investment in India, although the stock of portfolio investment in India declined by US\$ 0.6 billion. Within other investments under liabilities, currency & deposits and loans (mainly external commercial borrowings) increased by US\$ 1.3 billion each, whereas trade credit declined by US\$ 1.5 billion.
- Effects of Exchange Rate movement: Variation in exchange rate of rupee *vis-a-vis* other currencies affected change in liabilities, when valued in US \$ terms. Even as there was equity inflow of US \$ 7.1 billion (net) during October-December 2014, outstanding equity liabilities declined from US\$ 385.9 billion in September 2014 to US\$ 382.4 billion in December 2014, as outstanding liabilities were revalued due to rupee depreciation during the period.
- The ratio of India's international financial assets to international financial liabilities stood at 57.9 per cent in December 2014 (57.7 per cent in September 2014).

¹ India's quarterly IIP is being disseminated with one quarter lag and the previous quarterly IIP as at end-September 2014 was released on the RBI website on December 31, 2014.

Composition of External Financial Assets and Liabilities

- Reserve Assets continued to have the dominant share (65.4 per cent) in • India's international financial assets in December 2014, followed by overseas direct investment (26.4 per cent) (Table 2).
- Direct Investment (29.8 per cent), portfolio investment (25.0 per cent), loans (21.1 per cent), and currency & deposits (13.0 per cent) were the major constituents of the country's financial liabilities.

Debt Liabilities vis-à-vis Non-Debt Liabilities

The share of non-debt liabilities declined marginally to 45.2 per cent as at end-• December 2014 from 45.6 percent at end-September 2014 (Table 3).

(US \$ billi								
Period	Dec-13(PR)	Mar-14(PR)	Jun-14(PR)	Sep-14(PR)	Dec-14(P)			
Net IIP	-318.6	-337.0	-350.9	-357.7	-356.5			
A. Assets	458.9	483.7	491.8	488.5	490.5			
1. Direct Investment	119.8	128.7	128.8	129.3	129.6			
2. Portfolio Investment	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4			
2.1 Equity Securities	1.2	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.1			
2.2 Debt Securities	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3			
3. Other Investment	43.9	49.6	45.6	44.1	38.8			
3.1 Trade Credits	10.9	8.7	8.3	7.5	6.3			
3.2 Loans	5.6	6.9	5.1	5.1	4.2			
3.3 Currency & Deposits	13.9	17.9	15.7	15.0	11.9			
3.4 Other Assets	13.6	16.1	16.4	16.5	16.4			
4. Reserve Assets	293.9	304.2	316.1	313.8	320.7			
B. Liabilities	777.5	820.7	842.6	846.2	847.0			
1. Direct Investment	226.6	242.7	250.5	252.3	252.3			
2. Portfolio Investment	179.6	197.5	208.9	212.4	211.8			
2.1 Equity Securities	132.4	139.7	147.1	144.9	141.2			
2.2 Debt securities	47.2	57.8	61.8	67.5	70.6			
3. Other Investment	371.4	380.4	383.3	381.5	382.9			
3.1 Trade Credits	88.4	83.9	84.2	82.5	81.0			
3.2 Loans	171.1	179.5	179.3	177.4	178.7			
3.3 Currency & Deposits	98.8	104.0	106.4	108.9	110.2			
3.4 Other Liabilities	13.1	13.0	13.4	12.8	13.0			
Memo item: Assets to Liability Ratio (%)	59.0	58.9	58.4	57.7	57.9			

Table 1: Overall International Investment Position of India

The sum of the constituent items may not add to the total due to rounding off.

					(per cent)
Period	Dec- 13(PR)	Mar-14(PR)	Jun- 14(PR)	Sep- 14(PR)	Dec-14(P)
A. Assets					
1. Direct Investment	26.1	26.6	26.2	26.5	26.4
2. Portfolio Investment	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
3. Other Investment	9.6	10.2	9.3	9.0	7.9
4. Reserve Assets	64.0	62.9	64.3	64.3	65.4
Assets/Liabilities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
B. Liabilities					
1. Direct Investment	29.1	29.6	29.7	29.8	29.8
2. Portfolio Investment	23.1	24.1	24.8	25.1	25.0
3. Other Investment	47.8	46.4	45.5	45.1	45.2

Table 2: Composition of International Financial Assets and Liabilities of India

(per cent)

Table 3: Share of External Debt and Non-Debt Liabilities of India

Period	Dec-13(PR)	Mar-14(PR)	Jun- 14(PR)	Sep- 14(PR)	Dec-14(P)
Non-Debt Liabilities	44.8	45.3	45.9	45.6	45.2
Debt Liabilities	55.2	54.7	54.1	54.4	54.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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(per cent)