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## Developments in India's Balance of Payments during the First Quarter (April-June) of 2023-24

Preliminary data on India's balance of payments (BoP) for the first quarter (Q1), *i.e.*, April-June 2023-24, are presented in <u>Statements I (BPM6 format)</u> and <u>II (old format)</u>.

## Key Features of India's BoP in Q1:2023-24

- i) India's current account deficit (CAD) narrowed to US\$ 9.2 billion (1.1 per cent of GDP) in Q1:2023-24 from US\$ 17.9 billion (2.1 per cent of GDP) in Q1:2022-23 but it was higher than US\$ 1.3 billion (0.2 per cent of GDP) in the preceding quarter.<sup>1</sup>
- ii) The widening of CAD on a quarter-on-quarter basis was primarily on account of a higher trade deficit coupled with a lower surplus in net services and decline in private transfer receipts.
- iii) Net services receipts decreased sequentially, primarily due to a decline in exports of computer, travel and business services, though remained higher on a year-on-year (y-o-y) basis.
- iv) Private transfer receipts, mainly representing remittances by Indians employed overseas, moderated to US\$ 27.1 billion in Q1:2023-24 from US\$ 28.6 billion in Q4:2022-23 but witnessed an increase on a y-o-y basis.
- v) Net outgo on the income account, primarily reflecting payments of investment income, declined to US\$ 10.6 billion in Q1:2023-24 from US\$ 12.6 billion in Q4:2022-23, though higher than a year ago.
- vi) In the financial account, net foreign direct investment decreased to US\$ 5.1 billion from US\$ 13.4 billion a year ago.
- vii) Net foreign portfolio investment recorded inflows of US\$ 15.7 billion as against net outflows of US\$ 14.6 billion in Q1:2022-23.
- viii)Net external commercial borrowings to India recorded an inflow of US\$ 5.6 billion in Q1:2023-24 as against an outflow of US\$ 2.9 billion a year ago.
- ix) Non-resident deposits recorded net inflows of US\$ 2.2 billion as compared with US\$ 0.3 billion in Q1:2022-23.

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x) There was an accretion of US\$ 24.4 billion to the foreign exchange reserves (on a BoP basis) in Q1:2023-24 as compared with US\$ 4.6 billion in Q1:2022-23 (Table 1).

Table 1: Major Items of India's Balance of Payments						
(US\$ billion)						
	April-June 2023 P			April-June 2022		
	Credit	Debit	Net	Credit	Debit	Net
A. Current Account	221.4	230.6	-9.2	231.0	249.0	-17.9
1. Goods	105.0	161.6	-56.6	122.8	185.9	-63.1
Of which:						
POL	19.1	43.3	-24.3	26.9	53.2	-26.3
2. Services	80.6	45.4	35.1	76.1	45.0	31.1
3. Primary Income	8.7	19.3	-10.6	6.5	15.3	-8.9
4. Secondary Income	27.1	4.2	22.9	25.6	2.8	22.9
B. Capital Account and Financial	181.8	171.9	9.9	192.8	175.4	17.4
Account	101.0	17 1.5	5.5	102.0	170.4	17.7
Of which:						
Change in Reserves	0.0	24.4	-24.4	0.0	4.6	-4.6
[Increase (-)/Decrease (+)]						
C. Errors & Omissions (-) (A+B)	0.0	0.7	-0.7	0.5	0.0	0.5
P: Preliminary.						
Note: Total of sub-components may not tally with aggregate due to rounding off.						

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