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Developments in India's Balance of Payments during the First Quarter (April-June) of 2022-23

Preliminary data on India's balance of payments (BoP) for the first quarter (Q1), *i.e.*, April-June 2022-23, are presented in <u>Statements I (BPM6 format)</u> and <u>II</u> (old format).

Key Features of India's BoP in Q1:2022-23

- i) India's current account balance recorded a deficit of US\$ 23.9 billion (2.8 per cent of GDP) in Q1:2022-23, up from US\$ 13.4 billion (1.5 per cent of GDP) in Q4:2021-22¹ and a surplus of US\$ 6.6 billion (0.9 per cent of GDP) a year ago [i.e., Q1:2021-22].
- ii) Underlying the current account deficit in Q1:2022-23 was the widening of the merchandise trade deficit to US\$ 68.6 billion from US\$ 54.5 billion in Q4:2021-22 and an increase in net outgo of investment income payments.
- iii) Net services receipts increased, both sequentially and on a year-on-year (y-o-y) basis, on the back of rising exports of computer and business services.
- iv) Services exports grew y-o-y by 35.4 per cent, led by broad-based growth in computer, business, transportation, and travel services.
- v) Private transfer receipts, mainly representing remittances by Indians employed overseas, amounted to US\$ 25.6 billion, an increase of 22.6 per cent from their level a year ago.
- vi) Net outgo on the income account, primarily reflecting payments of investment income, increased to US\$ 9.3 billion from US\$ 7.5 billion a year ago.
- vii) In the financial account, net foreign direct investment increased to US\$ 13.6 billion from US\$ 11.6 billion a year ago.
- viii) Net foreign portfolio investment recorded outflows of US\$ 14.6 billion as against net inflows of US\$ 0.4 billion during Q1:2021-22.
- ix) Net external commercial borrowings to India recorded an outflow of US\$ 3.0 billion in Q1:2022-23 as against an inflow of US\$0.2 billion a year ago.

¹ https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=53906. For longer time series data, please see: https://dbie.rbi.org.in/DBIE/dbie.rbi?site=statistics External Sector International Trade > Quarterly/Yearly.

- x) Non-resident deposits recorded net inflows of US\$0.3 billion as compared with US\$ 2.5 billion in Q1:2021-22.
- xi) There was an accretion of US\$ 4.6 billion to the foreign exchange reserves (on a BoP basis) in Q1:2022-23 as compared with US\$ 31.9 billion in Q1:2021-22 (<u>Table 1</u>).

Table 1: Major Items of India's Balance of Payments						
	(US\$ billion)					
	April-June 2022 P			April-June 2021		
	Credit	Debit	Net	Credit	Debit	Net
A. Current Account	231.0	254.9	-23.9	180.1	173.5	6.6
1. Goods	123.0	191.5	-68.6	97.4	128.2	-30.7
Of which:						
POL	27.1	60.6	-33.6	12.9	30.9	-18.0
2. Services	76.1	45.0	31.1	56.2	30.4	25.8
3. Primary Income	6.3	15.5	- 9.3	5.5	13.1	-7.5
4. Secondary Income	25.6	2.8	22.9	20.9	1.9	19.0
B. Capital Account and Financial Account	197.7	174.4	23.3	164.0	170.5	-6.5
Of which:						
Change in Reserves [Increase (-)/Decrease (+)]	0.0	4.6	-4.6	0.0	31.9	-31.9
C. Errors & Omissions (-) (A+B)	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.1	-0.1
P: Preliminary						
Note: Total of sub-components may not tally with aggregate due to rounding off.						

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