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SPEECHES

India: A partner in progress and prosperity

Shri Sanjay Malhotra

Building a robust ecosystem for Green and Sustainable Finance in India

Shri M. Rajeshwar Rao

*India: A Partner in Progress and Prosperity**

Shri Sanjay Malhotra

I am very happy to be here amongst you in this historic location. I thank CII and USISPF for giving me this opportunity to be present here and share my thoughts. Both CII and USISPF have played important roles in fostering partnerships in trade, technology, investment and innovation between India and USA. I compliment them for their efforts in strengthening the bond between two important economies. In my remarks today, I wish to present my perspective on how India is poised to be a dynamic powerhouse of opportunities, innovation, and sustainable growth in the years to come.

The Indian economy has demonstrated remarkable resilience and dynamism. Over the past four years (2021-22 to 2024-25), it has recorded an average annual growth rate of 8.2 per cent. It was and continues to be the fastest-growing major economy in the world. This is a significant step up from the average growth rate of 6.6 per cent in the preceding decade (2010 to 2019).

Even this year, our growth is expected to remain robust at 6.5 per cent. This is despite the tremendous increase in uncertainty and volatility in global financial markets. While this rate is lower than in recent years and falls short of India's aspirations, it remains broadly in line with past trends and the highest among major economies.

No wonder, over the last ten years, we have leapfrogged from the tenth largest economy to the fifth. In terms of purchasing power parity, we are already third. Even nominally, we are poised to become the third largest economy shortly. We aspire to become

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Viksit Bharat, *i.e.*, a developed economy by 2047, when we complete 100 years of our independence. While there is indeed a scope for India's growth trajectory to rise over the medium to long-term, I am sanguine of our continued success. There are a lot of positive factors that give me this confidence. Let me outline a few of these.

Policy Continuity and Stability

First and foremost, we are all aware of the research that shows that political and policy stability with certainty are prerequisites for long-term planning of investments to fuel growth in any economy. Our vibrant democracy has been able to ensure the same, especially since the initiation of economic reforms, despite change of political parties in government. Economic liberalisation focusing on market oriented policies has been a consistent theme across successive governments. While the pace and specific focus of reforms may have varied from time to time, the commitment to a more market-oriented economic structure has not changed. In a phased manner, almost all sectors have been opened up to 100% foreign direct investment (FDI). Almost 90% of the FDI is now under the automatic route. In the recent years, we have introduced a series of liberalisation measures to further open up the economy, particularly in key sectors such as Defence, Insurance, Petroleum & Natural Gas, Telecom, and Space¹.

Financial Stability

Second, while policy continuity and stability are prerequisites, they in themselves do not ensure financial stability, which is the bedrock on which a strong economy is built. Financial stability is essential for businesses and people to make expenditure and investment decisions with confidence. India's

¹ FDI in the Defence sector has been increased to 74 per cent under the automatic route for companies seeking new industrial licenses. The Telecom sector now permits 100 per cent FDI through the automatic route. Similarly, the FDI cap in the Insurance sector was raised from 49 per cent to 74 per cent, and as announced in the Union Budget 2025, it will further rise to 100 per cent - with the condition that the entire premium is invested within India.

financial sector is strong and vibrant, efficiently catering to funding requirements of various economic agents.

Financial sector: The banking sector, which continues to meet the large funding requirements of the economy, has demonstrated resilience with healthy balance sheet. The soundness of scheduled commercial banks (SCBs)² has been bolstered by strong profitability, lower non-performing assets and adequate capital and liquidity buffers. The health of the non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) sector is also robust. Bank credit growth although moderating in recent months, continues to be in double digits (about 12 per cent) compared to an average of about 10.5 per cent in the last 10 years. We are committed to further enhancing the capacity, responsiveness, and resilience of the banking and non-banking financial sectors with emphasis on balancing regulation with efficiency and stability. While offering excellent opportunities for investment, as private debt to GDP is still on the lower side, the banking sector is poised to meet the investment needs of the society and industry.

Capital markets: The Indian capital markets – equity and debt – have increasingly deepened, providing avenues for market-based funding to businesses. India's capital markets have witnessed record participation from retail and institutional investors, channelizing savings into productive investments. Today, there are almost 106 million unique demat accounts and more than 54 million unique mutual fund accounts. The stock market has delivered returns at a staggering 11 per cent CAGR over the last twenty years. With more than 500 listed companies having a market capitalisation of more than 1 billion USD each, the capital market offers enormous opportunities to participate in India's

² The gross non-performing assets (GNPA) of scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) declined to a 12-year low of 2.42 per cent and their capital to risk weighted assets (CRAR) at 16.5 per cent at the end of December 2024.

growth story. Indian financial markets offer seamless entry and exit for foreign investors, reflecting the maturity of its economy.

External sector: India's forex market has the required depth and liquidity to weather pressures, such as seen in the last few months. India's current account deficit (1.3 per cent of GDP during April-December 2024) remains eminently within manageable limits, supported by robust services exports³ and private remittances. Even in the recent volatile period, the Indian rupee (INR) has moved in an orderly manner and performed relatively better compared to its peers, reflecting strong macroeconomic fundamentals, adequate foreign exchange buffers and depth of our foreign exchange market.

Gross foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows to India increased to 75.1 billion USD in April-February 2024-25 from 65.2 billion USD during the same period a year ago, reflecting foreign investors continued confidence in the Indian economy. Net FDI inflows, however, moderated during this period due to higher repatriations and outward investment, which is a sign of a mature market where foreign investors can enter and exit smoothly, reflecting positively on the Indian economy. India's foreign exchange buffer continues to be strong. As on April 18, 2025, India's foreign exchange reserves at 686.1 billion USD covers over 11 months of import and 96 per cent of external debt outstanding at end-Dec 2024.

Price Stability: The role of price stability in fostering sustainable growth and economic resilience is paramount. Monetary policy in India has played a stabilising role, containing inflationary pressures through coordinated action with fiscal authorities.

³ India's services exports recorded a growth of 13.1 per cent during 2024-25 (April-February), despite global economic order shrouded with heightened uncertainty, on the back of software and business exports. Global Capability Centres (GCC) have emerged a key driver of services exports over the last few years, with notable contribution to India's exports of software and business services. With more than 1,800 GCCs, the sector is expected to expand from \$64.6 billion in 2024 to \$110 billion by 2030.

India adopted a flexible inflation targeting framework in 2016, which has significantly strengthened policy predictability: inflation levels and volatility have come down markedly, inflation expectations are better anchored, and the transmission of monetary policy has improved. In view of the benign inflation outlook and moderate growth, monetary policy has turned accommodative. We have reduced policy interest rates cumulatively by 50 bps this year since February 2025.

Fiscal Prudence and Efficiency

Fiscal policies of the government have a critical role in catalysing and sustaining economic development by ensuring that savings and public funds are used efficiently in productive sectors. India continues to demonstrate fiscal prudence to foster faster and inclusive growth. Its approach to the pandemic is a case in point. India adopted a calibrated approach to the pandemic. Rather than front-loading stimulus packages, as most countries did, India adopted a flexible and agile approach to support the vulnerable sections of society and small firms. This enabled a resilient recovery as it was followed up with enhanced capital expenditure and concerted push to manufacturing. The government is now committed to fiscal consolidation after the pandemic-induced stimulus, maintaining a focus on reducing the fiscal deficit without compromising on expenditure quality *i.e.*, growth inducing spending. The central government's fiscal deficit to GDP ratio has declined from 9.2 per cent in 2020-21 to 4.8 per cent in 2024-25 and it is budgeted to moderate further to 4.4 per cent in 2025-26. This is in stark contrast to rising debt levels in some of the advanced economies. India's public debt to GDP ratio at 81.3 % (in 2024) is reasonable⁴, with the world's top 10 economies other than Germany having higher public debt than India. The progressive fiscal consolidation in India has enhanced space for the private sector to raise resources for investment.

⁴ It is projected to decline to 75.8 percent in 2030 (IMF World Economic Outlook, April 2025).

Moreover, government spending is better targeted. The quality of expenditure has improved. The share of central government's capital expenditure as a percentage of GDP has surged from 1.7 per cent in 2019-20 to 3.1 per cent in 2024-25. Including the capital grants in aid to the states, it has increased to 4.3 per cent in 2025-26.⁵ The Union government's borrowings this year are budgeted to be lower than the effective capital expenditure, signifying their use for productive purposes which have a higher multiplier effect. Various measures have been taken to improve outcomes of government expenditure. One such example is the Direct Benefit Transfer, which is estimated to have brought savings of about 40 billion USD (until March 2023)⁶. Digitalisation of various government programmes like public distribution scheme with Aadhar as the backbone have also resulted in huge savings. Just in time flow of funds to State government has helped the Union government improve its cash flow management.

Thrust on Infrastructure

Infrastructure is important for economic development. Over the last several years, the country led by the central government has invested heavily in physical infrastructure. It is also incentivising capital expenditure by state governments, especially in urban development, power and tourism. From highways to renewable energy grids to sea ports, airports and railways⁷, India is building the backbone to support sustainable and inclusive growth for decades to come. This is not only improving connectivity but also

⁵ 4.3 per cent in 2025-26 (Budget Estimates).

⁶ <https://dbtbharat.gov.in/static-page-content/spagecont?id=18>

⁷ Infrastructure sector has received priority attention with National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP), National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) and PM Gati Shakti as the flagship programmes. The National Highway network expanded by 60 per cent to 1,46,145 km in 2024. PM Gati Shakti is streamlining over ₹6.38 lakh crore worth of road projects for seamless logistics. Railways have launched 136 Vande Bharat trains and identified 1,337 stations for upgradation under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. Metro networks have grown from 248 km to 1,011 km across 20+ cities, while operational airports increased from 74 to 159. India's aviation sector has witnessed significant expansion with 545 routes operationalised under the Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN), aimed at improving air connectivity. With 158 operational Airports and the construction of 84 airports over the last decade, India's aviation network is rapidly evolving.

creating multiplier effects, stimulating demand across various sectors. This is also bringing down logistics cost for businesses considerably and improving productivity and competitiveness.

Renewed Focus on Manufacturing

Manufacturing is key to inclusive development and employment. We are focused on a *Atmanirbhar Bharat*, that is, a self-reliant India. India's manufacturing sector is gaining momentum and emerging as a potent sector for investment, with support from policy measures such as the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI). The PLI targets 14 diverse sectors⁸. This is showing results. Mobile phone exports have increased by almost 10x⁹ from 2018-19 to 2023-24. Similarly, exports of solar cells and modules have jumped 20x¹⁰ in the same period.

Proactive government policies also present unparalleled opportunities for investment in sunrise sectors such as space, semiconductors, renewable energy, electric vehicles (EVs), etc. India is positioning itself as a critical link in global supply chains, encouraging local sourcing and manufacturing. It is also becoming a global SaaS innovation hub, especially in generative AI.

Demographic Dividend

With one of the youngest populations having a median age of 28 years¹¹, India is poised to harness the demographic dividend. To fully exploit the potential, Government has launched a number of programmes for skilling, entrepreneurship and apprenticeship. This will enhance productivity and growth. Labour

⁸ Mobile, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, automobile and its components, solar PV, electric vehicles, and advanced chemistry cell (ACC) batteries.

⁹ 1.6 billion USD in 2018-19 to 15.6 billion USD in 2023-24 and 18.3 billion USD in 2024-25 (Apr 2024 - Jan 2025).

¹⁰ From 0.1 billion USD in 2018-19 to 2 billion USD in 2023-24 (1 billion USD for the period April-January 2024-25).

¹¹ Nearly 65 per cent of India's population is under the age of 35, with a median age of just 28 years, significantly lower than the other major emerging economies.

market conditions in India are showing positive trends¹², particularly with the increasing participation of women in the workforce. The Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) has increased to 60.1% in 2023-24 from 57.9% in the previous year and 49.8 in 2017-18.

Innovation

To take further advantage of the huge human resources, we need to move further up the value chain. It is encouraging to note that India is fast becoming a nation of job creators rather than job seekers. When I left college, getting a job in a MNC was the preferred choice. None took up the challenge of starting a venture of his own. In recent years, however, a large number of engineering and management graduates are taking to entrepreneurship and start-ups. As a result of the entrepreneurship culture that this generation is embracing, we have about 150,000 recognised start-ups. We have a vibrant start-up ecosystem with government support coming in through programmes like Start Up India, Digital India and Atal Innovation Mission. We are home to the third largest number of unicorns, some of which are in high tech areas like Artificial Intelligence, fintech, and renewable energy, to name a few. In the Global Innovation Index, India has risen from a rank of 81 in 2015 to 39 in 2024. It is first among lower middle income countries.

Continued Focus on Ease of Doing Business and Reforms

The growth is steered by robust economic reforms which have strengthened the foundations for long-term economic prosperity. These reforms include the flexible inflation targeting framework (FIT), the insolvency and bankruptcy code, goods and services

¹² The unemployment rate has improved to 3.2 per cent during 2023-24 from 6% in 2017-18. LFPR for women increased to 41.7 per cent from 23.3 per cent over the same period. Formal employment has further strengthened as evidenced by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) payrolls data - net payroll additions rose by 4.2 per cent in Q3:2024-25.

tax (GST), consolidation of public sector banks, rationalisation and reduction in corporate tax. The Indian government has repealed about 1,500 obsolete laws. 180 provisions have been decriminalised and more are planned. These reforms along with conducive policy environment have improved efficiency¹³, productivity, and competitiveness across different sectors.

The government is committed to further reduce regulatory burden, as is evident from the budget announcement earlier this year to set up a high level committee for regulatory reforms in all non-financial sectors. She highlighted the role of reforms as the fuel for growth. The Union Budget aims to initiate transformative reforms across six domains – taxation, power sector, urban development, mining, financial sector and regulatory reforms. Moreover, an Investment Friendliness Index of States will be launched to further the spirit of competitive cooperative federalism. A comprehensive review of the Income Tax Act, 1961 to make it concise, lucid and easy, and thereby reduce disputes and litigations, is also underway. The Reserve Bank too is committed to ensure that our regulations balance the objectives of stability and efficiency. For this purpose, the regulatory review authority (RRA) will further expand, deepen and expedite the process of reviewing and rationalising regulations.

Digitalisation

India's digital transformation, recognised worldwide, has emerged as a significant enabler of ease of doing business and ease of living and an important driver of economic growth and innovation. Conducive government and regulatory policies, increasing digital penetration, and a young and aspiring demography have fostered this vibrant ecosystem. The government has invested in a number of digital building blocks

¹³ In the Global Competitiveness Index 2024, India ranks 39th among 67 economies, reflecting improved business efficiency.

like the JAM trinity, UPI, GSTN, ONDC, Digilocker. Digitalisation is improving efficiency, raising productivity, enhancing formalisation and promoting inclusiveness in the economy. Take any domain of the government and one will find that digitalisation and e-governance have enhanced turnaround times, reduced costs and improved customer satisfaction levels.

I was here last year in one of the sessions to speak about how, among other measures, digitalisation in the department of revenue not only enhanced the tax buoyancy but also improved customer experience and processing of returns. Tax buoyancy for personal income tax in the last four years¹⁴ was 2.1. On an average, it now takes less than 10 days to process income tax returns in India: down from 93 days in 2014. In contrast, in some countries, it still takes months to get their tax refunds.

The Reserve Bank is also promoting and nurturing digitalisation and innovation. The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is one such example. Processing about 18 billion transactions in a month, it is setting global benchmarks in seamless, secure, real-time systems. UPI has demonstrated how public digital infrastructure can empower private sector innovation for promoting financial inclusion. Our encouragement and support extend beyond the payment space to the broader fintech ecosystem through various initiatives including the regulatory sandbox. The Unified Lending Interface (ULI) which is currently in a pilot phase has the potential to transform the lending space. The ULI is expected to transform lending and access to finance just as UPI did to payments.

Conclusion

To conclude, India continues to be an economy supported by stability – monetary, financial and political; policy consistency and certainty; congenial

¹⁴ Personal Income Tax Buoyancy: 2021-22: 2.29; 2022-23:1.42; 2023-24: 2.61; 2024-25: 1.94.

business environment; and strong macroeconomic fundamentals. At a time when many advanced economies are facing economic headwinds and a deteriorating economic outlook, India continues to offer strong growth and stability making it a natural choice for investors seeking long term value and opportunity. Furthermore, our strong domestic demand¹⁵ and relatively lower dependence on exports cushions the Indian economy from external spillovers.

India offers a policy ecosystem that is transparent, rule-based, and forward-looking – an ideal setting for long-term and productive investments. As the world's fastest-growing major economy, India is not just a destination for investment – it is a partner in prosperity. Together, we have the chance to shape the future – not only for India but for a better world. I invite you to be a part of this journey, to collaborate, innovate, and invest in India.

Thank You.

¹⁵ Domestic demand contributes about 90% to GDP whereas merchandise exports contribute about 12 % of GDP which is much lower compared to some of our peers.

*Building a Robust Ecosystem for Green and Sustainable Finance in India**

Shri M. Rajeshwar Rao

Distinguished guests, participants, ladies and gentlemen, Good afternoon.

At the outset, let me thank the organisers for inviting me and giving me an opportunity to deliver the valedictory address and share some of my thoughts on a subject which continues to engage national as well as global attention. I believe there would have been fruitful deliberations on the topics of green and sustainable finance and the role of financial institutions, opportunities and challenges, aligning of regulatory and policy worlds, facilitating global financing, and integration of climate change aspects in credit risks of the financial institutions. Each of these topics require detailed deliberations and collectively they form the building blocks for creation of a robust ecosystem for green and sustainable finance for the economy and financial system at large.

The critical enablers to attract green and sustainable investments that need to be put in place for financial ecosystem has been and continues to be a subject of deliberations at various fora be it G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group, the international standard setting bodies such as the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, the International Sustainability Standards Board as well as the Financial Stability Board, and the Network for Greening the Financial System. These enablers range from adoption of a national green/ climate finance taxonomy, globally aligned disclosure standards for climate related financial risks, and robust assurance and verification process. Green

* Valedictory address delivered by Shri M. Rajeshwar Rao, Deputy Governor at Credit Summit 2025 organised by the Bharat Climate Forum on April 17, 2025, at New Delhi. Inputs provided by Sunil Nair and Saket Kumar are gratefully acknowledged.

and sustainable finance being a niche area, requires us to be mindful of greenwashing risks. Moreover, there are certain inherent risks and conditions that need to be met from the risk-reward perspective in green and sustainable lending/ investment decisions. Let me delve a bit into these aspects and try to build a narrative on how we can collectively build and develop a robust ecosystem for green and sustainable finance in India.

The Green and Sustainable Finance Taxonomy

When we talk of green and sustainable finance, the primary consideration is understanding as to what defines it. A national level taxonomy is crucial as it serves as the first building block that aligns the entire ecosystem, be it the government, regulators, other policy makers, financial institutions and borrowers/ investors. This is under development in India. You are aware that an announcement to this effect was made by the Hon'ble Finance Minister in the Budget Speech for 2024-25. Meanwhile, we at Reserve Bank of India have till this juncture used the Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrB) framework for mapping of the green and sustainable sectors. This was also used when we issued a Framework on acceptance of Green Deposits in April 2023, which aligns with the SGrB framework towards identification of the green sectors. Thus, as a robust ecosystem enabler, the first building block would be a national level taxonomy for identification of the sectors and alignment of various regulatory dispensations along this taxonomy.

Consistent and Harmonised Regulatory Approach

The second building block would be a consistent and harmonised regulatory approach towards assessment of climate change risks and fostering of related financing. The climate change risks, and the related issues are sector agnostic, with significant inter-dependencies. To ensure that the net zero target announced by the Hon'ble PM at COP26 in 2021 is achieved by 2070, it would require players in the economy and financial system to fine-tune their

respective actions/ measures, so that as a country, we can achieve this target. It would also require a consistent and harmonised approach among the concerned regulators and authorities.

Assurance and Verification Function

The next building block would be the development of robust assurance and verification functions. Assessment of climate related financial risks, green and sustainable finance are context specific, with need for a clear and objective demonstration of end use of funds. Transparency and related checks and balances that provide assurance on end use of the funds related to green and sustainable finance is extremely important. Given the technical expertise needed for assurance on climate related aspects, as well as adherence to benchmark assurance standards, there is a need to ensure credibility of this assurance and verification process. This would mean defining the requirement of consistent standards detailing expertise and skills that any assurer or verifier must possess to provide these services. A consistent approach across the financial system on the processes would provide confidence to the investors, which would then operate as a key enabler for increased flow of credit to the relevant sectors while addressing concerns around risks of greenwashing.

Transparency and Disclosures

The fourth aspect is the need for transparency in climate related disclosures. This is essential for financial institutions to assess and manage climate related financial risks, ensure transparency, and support long-term financial stability. It also underscores the need for coherence among various sectors on disclosure aspects. To give an example, if a financial institution is to make any lending or investment decision or assess its portfolio risks, or is mandated to make climate related financial disclosures, then it must depend on the borrowers to provide the requisite information. This means not just putting in place an enabling mechanism for

both the lender and the borrower but also having consistency across the financial system for seamless flow of data and information. The Reserve Bank of India had published a draft "Disclosure framework on Climate-related Financial Risks", in February 2024 for public consultation. The draft guidelines require Regulated Entities to make qualitative and quantitative disclosures with respect to climate related financial risks based on four broad areas, viz., (i) governance (ii) strategy (iii) risk management and (iv) metrics and targets. We have received comprehensive feedback on the framework basis which the guidelines are being finalised.

Complexities of Climate Change Modelling and Data Considerations

Another area where consistency and harmonisation are required is compilation of data. For purpose of climate related financial risk, assessment and related facets of green and sustainable finance, be it transition or adaptation finance, data is very crucial. One of the limitations for climate risk assessment at this juncture is the need for technical expertise coupled with unique data requirements. Climate related data, understanding nuances of the climate patterns and the impact on account of climate change, is a highly technical and skilled job. Climate scientists across the world use super computers to study climate and weather patterns and its related aspects. It involves complex modelling and is resource intensive. If we depend on a financial sector expert, who uses financial modelling for assessing quantitative estimates and then arrive at the financial sector impact, this expertise alone may not suffice. The two skill sets needed for climate scenario analysis and climate finance risks are completely different in that as climate scientists are not experts in financial modelling and financial modellers have limited expertise in area of climate science. This makes the job of assessment of impact of climate change risks on financial sector more difficult and would therefore require collaboration amongst the two.

Given the impact of climate change risks, viz., physical and transition risks and the impact it has on the value of real assets and financial instruments, understanding these risks is crucial for lenders or investors from a risk-reward perspective. Thus, for uniform and consistent assessment of risks across the financial system, the aspect of disclosure and data becomes crucial. This will remove the misalignment of information between borrowers and lenders/ investors and not only allow a fair assessment of climate change risks but also foster green and sustainable finance.

As a part of this endeavour, Reserve Bank had in the monetary policy statement of October 2024, announced the formation of Reserve Bank - Climate Risk Information System (RB-CRIS). It is envisaged to bridge data gaps and provide standardised datasets to the Regulated Entities (REs) on three aspects – Physical Risk Data, Transition Risk Data, and Carbon Emission Factor Database. The physical risk data part would focus on providing pan-India hazard and vulnerability data. As regards the transition risk, the plan is to arrive at India specific transition scenarios and use them to provide sectoral benchmark transition pathways. Finally, recognising the need to standardise the emission calculation across the sectors, a consistent approach towards carbon emission methodology and the uniform database is also being proposed. Under RB-CRIS, the RBI intends to bring all the stakeholders together and bring coherence and bridge the existing data gaps.

Climate Change and Credit Risks

Climate change risks impact the financial institutions, financial system and real economy through the traditional risk categories and one risk factor that prominently stands out is credit risk. Climate change would lead to additional operational costs for the borrowers with an increased possibility of loss of their assets, leading to increased probability of default by the borrowers. The real economy is also impacted through various means such as direct property losses, crop losses, loss of employment and

livelihood losses. Another facet of credit risk in climate change emanates from the need to promote green and sustainable financing. The fact that the net-zero technologies driving the transition to decarbonisation, are at various developmental and evolving stages, itself signifies a significant increase in credit risks. Thus, there is a dichotomy wherein on one hand there is a need for incentivising green and sustainable finance and on the other there is an increase in inherent risks from encouraging such financing. So, the key issue is how to manage this dichotomy? While the prudential aspect, *i.e.*, the risk management consideration, is the prime concern for any regulator, the flow of credit is generally market determined *albeit* mandated at times through specific directed lending policies. Therefore, a delicate balancing act needs to be performed by the regulators to avoid any imbalance from the broader financial stability perspective.

Challenges to Green and Sustainable Finance and Global Financing

Challenges to green and sustainable finance are many. However, they can be broadly categorised in two specific buckets – one is the structural issues while the other relates to the quantum of financing available. From the structural perspective, the main challenges would be, high-upfront capex requirements given the specific nature of required project loans/ investments; perceived high inherent risks given the evolving nature of climate related technologies; asset liability mismatches which is ubiquitous to any lending/ investing activity, more so in case of project loans given the longer maturity, commencement and gestation timelines; and knowledge and information gaps, given the technical nature of assessment of climate change risks and appraisal of climate related technologies.

As to the quantum of financing available, there are various pull and push factors at work, in the context of global capital mobilisation. The global capital stock of lending/ investments flows also follows a risk-reward perspective. The pull factors are the

specific domestic enablers which may drive investor appetite. This would be a function of robustness of the financial ecosystem, liquidity, and depth of the financial markets, transparency and disclosure standards, rigour of verification and assurance mechanism, development and dissemination of risk assessment models for climate-related risks, data and capacity gaps, long-term strategy on transition plans, and availability of pool of bankable projects. The push factors would be the global commitment of funds for climate related funding. The recent geopolitical developments could possibly lead to the weakening of these push factors. This is a developing story and there is a need to closely monitor the wider implications. Given the huge requirement for funding of the green transition, the availability of global funds remains critical.

The inherent risks in the green and sustainable finance, skews the risk-reward considerations leading to increased cost of credit. This leads to demand by private sector investors/ lenders for appropriate derisking mechanisms through grants/ guarantees/ philanthropic capital/ financial incentives, etc. Mobilising such capital on scale, would be a challenge. A related issue is the availability of bankable projects. Though, bankable projects invariably find credit, there are funding challenges with partially bankable and non-bankable projects. As you all may be aware, there are two aspects of climate change finance we need to consider, one is mitigation and other is adaptation. Mitigation is used for transition purpose and adaptation for resilience purpose. Financing in case of mitigation can be associated with cash flows, but it becomes difficult for adaptation and resilience, as the associated cash-flows are difficult to assess leading to sub optimal capital flows towards sustainable investments in resilient infrastructure and adaptation.

Augmenting Green and Sustainable Finance

Given these limitations, there is a need for concerted efforts to overcome these challenges and

augment green and sustainable finance. This would require a multi-pronged approach. Blended finance, which combines concessional public funding with private sector investment can be one of the main conduits of the credit flow by de-risking climate related projects. India is a diverse country, with varying needs of climate mitigation and resilience, meaning, a coastal area would require a differentiated approach as compared to the regions near the Himalayas. We would need practical implementable solutions, curated to specific issues. Tools like guarantees, sustainability-linked loans, and climate-resilient bonds could be explored to further enhance private sector involvement.

The problem of climate change needs scalable solutions, and it cannot come by entirely relying on public funds. There is thus a need to develop a market wherein the risk-reward perspective itself takes care of the scale of requirements. Even within adaptation space, there are pockets which can be associated with cash flows. Climate change risks and financing needs to be viewed also as an opportunity. Innovative solutions which not only mitigate financial risks associated with climate change but also incentivise private investors to participate in climate projects need to be explored.

Developmental Financial Institutions (DFIs) would have to play a major role in channelising the flow of credit for green and sustainable finance. There is a need for more collaboration between DFIs, Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs), National Development Banks (NDBs) and Vertical Climate and Environmental Funds (VCEFs). Given the current geopolitical developments, with the world moving to a multi-polar world, there is a need for certain reforms within the MDBs as well greater representation from/ credit to the global south.

Technology and innovation would play a major role in mitigation of climate change risks while creating a robust ecosystem for green and sustainable finance in the country. This requires developing a platform that

would bring together the REs and technology solution providers, to facilitate an orderly development of required technological solutions to mitigate climate related risks and overcome the current limitations and foster sustainability linked credit flow. The Reserve Bank has on April 09, 2025, included sustainable finance and climate risk mitigation as a topic under the Theme Neutral "On Tap" application facility under the Regulatory Sandbox which could help develop and test innovative solutions.

The Way Forward

One term which often finds mention in global context has been "inter-operability". While as a concept, inter-operability seems ideal in a just and equal world, in these times in a world with stark inequalities, mandating inter-operability with similar level of commitments, may not be the ideal way and there is a need for a differentiated approach. The Emerging Markets and Developing Economies (EMDEs) have started this journey to achieve seamless integration and inter-operability. However, there is yet some distance to be covered. Though, historical examples from high-income countries demonstrate the potential to decouple economic growth from emissions, for EMDEs this would require strong international co-operation, significant investments, and effective policies. Further, any transition from carbon intensive economy to a greener economy is not a smooth ride and there are going to be disruptions be it restructuring, reallocation of resources and financial flows as also displacement of workers and have a bearing on land use. Thus, as we traverse this journey there is a need for delicate balance to ensure that socio-economic implications are carefully considered and addressed.

Going forward, we would also need to arm our respective organizations with skilled manpower and technical expertise to spearhead the transformation in addressing the challenges of climate change. With

this end in view, Reserve Bank has been conducting extensive capacity building programmes for the REs. The focus has been on bringing international experts to share their experience on green and sustainable financing, stress testing and scenario analysis, credit risk assessment, transition planning, physical risk assessment, and global best practices for governance, strategy and risk management.

Conclusion

India occupies a unique position in the global climate context. As one of the world's fastest-growing economies, it faces the dual challenge of fostering and sustaining economic development while addressing climate change. On the one hand, it is highly vulnerable to climate risks while on the other hand, it has the potential to lead the global green transition. While we have made a fair start, there are several challenges that remain to be addressed. The risk management architecture in REs for climate related financial risks is still evolving and further concerted efforts are required. Further, a comprehensive assessment on the extent of losses that may be caused due to climate change risks in the future requires more granular approach. There is a need to build technical expertise and competencies for comprehensive assessment and mitigation of climate change risks. There is also a need for a more harmonised and coherent regulatory approaches across various sectors so that the sectoral dependencies may be addressed in an efficient manner. While the need for the world to transition to a greener tomorrow is given, there are several challenges on the way, and they need to be addressed in a holistic manner. We also need a collaborative and sensitive approach to address the various issues given the impact on the economies and the societies at large. I am confident seminars such as these give an opportunity to further the work to achieve these objectives.

Thank you.

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Persistent trade frictions, heightened policy uncertainty, and weak consumer sentiment continue to create headwinds for global growth. Amidst these challenges, the Indian economy exhibited resilience. Various high frequency indicators of industrial and services sectors sustained their momentum in April. A bumper rabi harvest and higher acreage for summer crops, coupled with favourable southwest monsoon forecasts for 2025, augur well for the agriculture sector. Headline CPI inflation fell for the sixth consecutive month to its lowest since July 2019, primarily driven by the sustained easing in food prices. Domestic financial market sentiments, which remained on edge in April, witnessed a turnaround since the third week of May.

Introduction

Global growth continues to face headwinds, with persistent trade frictions, heightened policy uncertainty, and weak consumer sentiment weighing on the outlook. Though the tariff pause has provided a temporary let off, the global outlook remains fragile. In its April 2025 World Economic Outlook, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) trimmed global growth forecasts for 2025 and 2026 from its January projections citing escalating trade tensions and policy uncertainty. Growth in emerging market and developing economies (EMDEs) is also projected to decelerate with emerging and developing Asia significantly impacted by the tariffs. Going forward, financial turbulence is seen as a major downside risk to growth projections.¹

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¹ Global Financial Stability Report, International Monetary Fund, April 2025.

The latest Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for the month of April 2025 underline these challenges. S&P Global manufacturing PMI contracted in its latest release from being in expansionary zone in March, reflecting sluggishness in new orders and exports. Barring the post-pandemic years, April's drop in exports was the largest since October 2012.² China's official manufacturing PMI for April also contracted, falling short of expectations. In the US, GDP shrank in the first quarter largely due to the frontloading of imports ahead of anticipated tariff hikes. Going ahead, if a more protectionist trade environment emerges, it is likely to lead to a sharp contraction in trade volumes. In this inherently fluid situation, major corporates have also started withholding profit guidance for the year³.

Globally, the progress on the last mile of disinflation seems to have stalled⁴. While headline inflation in advanced economies (AEs) has moved closer to targets, core inflation has been slower to fall, particularly on account of persistent services inflation. Inflation in emerging market economies (EMEs) displayed a mixed but generally easing trend.

Global commodity markets are beginning to enter a new phase. Multiple risks – arising from trade and geo-politics, fall in demand and weather-related supply shocks – could potentially trigger in a period of significant volatility in commodity prices⁵. Energy and industrial metal prices have been trending lower, with crude oil prices forecasted to decline during 2025 and 2026.⁶ With looming uncertainty about

² <https://www.spglobal.com/marketintelligence/en/mi/research-analysis/aprils-manufacturing-pmi-data-reveal-worsening-global-trade-confidence-and-inflation-trends-May25.html>

³ Trade War Uncertainty Prompts New Wave of Companies to Yank Forecasts, Wall Street Journal, April 29, 2025.

⁴ World Economic Outlook, International Monetary Fund, April 2025.

⁵ Commodity Markets Outlook, World Bank, April 2025.

⁶ Short-term Energy Outlook, US Energy Information Administration, May 6, 2025.

aggregate demand conditions and in the absence of supply shocks, global commodity prices could fall to levels not seen since 2020⁷.

Financial markets remained volatile reflecting heightened uncertainties, particularly surrounding trade policy developments. Global equity markets saw enhanced turbulence following the announcement of new tariff measures, which weighed on investor sentiment and triggered broad-based sell-offs. Reflecting increased market volatility, the CBOE VIX registered a sharp jump in April⁸. However, a subsequent easing in trade tensions and a pause in further tariff escalation spurred a sharp rebound in equity markets and significantly eased volatility. The US dollar faced depreciating pressures amidst rising trade policy uncertainty and ebbing investor confidence, with other AE currencies witnessing notable appreciation.

In an uncertain and volatile macro-financial environment, monetary policies have turned cautious with many central banks maintaining *status quo* or resorting to pre-emptive but measured easing of policy rates to cushion the impact of trade disruptions on growth. In export intensive AEs such as Switzerland and Japan, the sharp appreciation of domestic currencies on safe haven flows are further complicating the central bank's management of domestic growth inflation trade-offs. In an event of sharp deterioration in global growth prospects, the space for large fiscal policy interventions is limited, with economies continuing to grapple with the legacy of high debt levels⁹.

⁷ Commodity Markets Outlook, World Bank, April 2025.

⁸ CBOE VIX index averaged approximately 31.9 in April, a significant jump from its average of 18.5 during January to March this year.

⁹ Based on the April 2025 World Economic Outlook "reference point" forecast, global public debt is projected to rise by an additional 2.8 percentage points of gross domestic product (GDP) by 2025 and approach 100 per cent of GDP by the end of the decade, surpassing the pandemic peak (Fiscal Monitor, April 2025).

The Indian economy is exhibiting resilience despite the high trade and tariff-related uncertainty. Various high frequency indicators of industrial and services sectors sustained their momentum in April. Record goods and services tax (GST) collections in April also reflect the underlying resilience of the economy.¹⁰ A bumper *rabi* harvest and higher acreage for summer crops also augur well for agriculture sector. During April 2025, India's external sector remained resilient notwithstanding global uncertainty impacting supply chains. Merchandise exports growth remained robust in April despite the global trade policy uncertainties. Furthermore, services exports also remained strong in March. The sequential downturn in headline CPI inflation that started in November 2024 continued into April 2025, for the sixth consecutive month. Headline inflation in April was the lowest since July 2019. The benign headline inflation movements were primarily driven by the substantial easing of food prices seen since last winter. Core inflation (CPI excluding food and fuel inflation) movements continued to be disproportionately impacted by the highly elevated gold prices. Excluding its impact, underlying inflation pressures too remained muted.

The optimism on domestic growth, along with the news of a temporary freeze on tariff measures by the US, led to a significant recovery of financial markets by mid-April. The domestic equity market, which declined initially in response to the tariff announcements by the US, gained momentum in the second half of April in the wake of robust corporate earnings reports for Q4:2024-25 by some banking and financial sector companies. Net investments by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) also rebounded in the second half of the month on the back of

¹⁰ GST Statistics. Government of India. Accessed May 5, 2025.

improving domestic market sentiments. Reflecting these, the Indian rupee moved within a narrow range and exhibited lower volatility compared to peer economies. Nevertheless, the escalation of tensions between India and Pakistan rendered financial markets volatile with India VIX seeing a substantial jump¹¹. Domestic financial markets sentiments witnessed a turnaround thereafter amidst easing India-Pakistan tensions, an improvement in the global trade scenario, and softer domestic inflation.

Amidst uncertainties on global capital flows, it is noteworthy that domestic institutional investors (DIIs) have surpassed FPIs in ownership of Nifty-500 companies in March 2025. This marks a structural shift in Indian equity markets as DIIs, including mutual funds and insurance companies, increasingly offset the volatility caused by FPIs, with retail and systematic investment plan (SIP) flows providing a steady long-term investment base.¹²

The measures undertaken by the Reserve Bank since January 2025 have significantly eased liquidity conditions and calmed financial markets. System liquidity has remained in surplus since end-March 2025. While day-to-day liquidity position of banks continued to remain skewed, the Reserve Bank's liquidity augmenting measures have resulted in a gradual increase in durable liquidity. The consequent moderation in money market rates and bond yields has led to relatively more benign financial conditions. Domestic bond yields steadily declined to multi-year lows, aided by back-to-back policy rate cuts in February and April 2025 and the liquidity measures that augmented durable liquidity. The overall monetary and credit conditions are evolving

in sync with the Reserve Bank's extant monetary policy stance of ensuring that inflation progressively aligns with the target, while supporting growth.

Set against this backdrop, the remainder of the article is structured into four sections. Section II covers the rapidly evolving developments in the global economy. Section III provides an assessment of domestic macroeconomic conditions. Section IV encapsulates financial conditions in India, while the last Section presents the concluding observations.

II. Global Setting

The intensifying trade tensions and policy uncertainties following the sweeping increase in trade tariffs by the United States (US) in early April are weighing on global economic growth prospects. In the April 2025 World Economic Outlook, the IMF revised downwards its global GDP growth forecast for 2025 by 50 bps to 2.8 per cent and for 2026 by 30 bps to 3.0 per cent, from its January 2025 projections. Growth in advanced economies (AEs) is now expected at 1.4 per cent in 2025 (down 50 bps), with the US growth revised sharply downwards to 1.8 per cent (a 90 bps cut). Emerging market and developing economies (EMDEs) are projected to grow at 3.7 per cent, down from the earlier forecast of 4.2 per cent (Table II.1). Growth projection for emerging and developing Asia was also revised downwards, particularly for ASEAN and China. Owing to a significant downgrade for growth in Mexico, growth projections for Latin America and the Caribbean were also revised downwards. For Sub-Saharan Africa, growth projections have been revised downwards, *albeit* at a lesser magnitude.

While policy uncertainty has intensified, supply side pressures on the global economy are showing signs of relenting. The Global Supply

¹¹ India VIX increased from 18.2 at end-April 2025 to 21.6 on May 9, 2025.

¹² Business Standard, May 09, 2025.

Table II.1: GDP Growth Projections – Select AEs and EMDEs

Projection for	2025		2026	
	April 2025	January 2025	April 2025	January 2025
World	2.8	3.3	3.0	3.3
Advanced Economies	1.4	1.9	1.5	1.8
US	1.8	2.7	1.7	2.1
UK	1.1	1.6	1.4	1.5
Euro area	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.4
Japan	0.6	1.1	0.6	0.8
Emerging Market and Developing Economies	3.7	4.2	3.9	4.3
Russia	1.5	1.4	0.9	1.2
<i>Emerging and Developing Asia</i>	4.5	5.1	4.6	5.1
India#	6.2	6.5	6.3	6.5
China	4.0	4.6	4.0	4.5
<i>Latin America and the Caribbean</i>	2.0	2.5	2.4	2.7
Mexico	-0.3	1.4	1.4	2.0
Brazil	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.2
<i>Middle East and North Africa</i>	2.6	3.5	3.4	3.9
<i>Sub-Saharan Africa</i>	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.2
South Africa	1.0	1.5	1.3	1.6

Note: #: India's data is on a fiscal year basis, while for all other countries it is for calendar years.

Source: IMF.

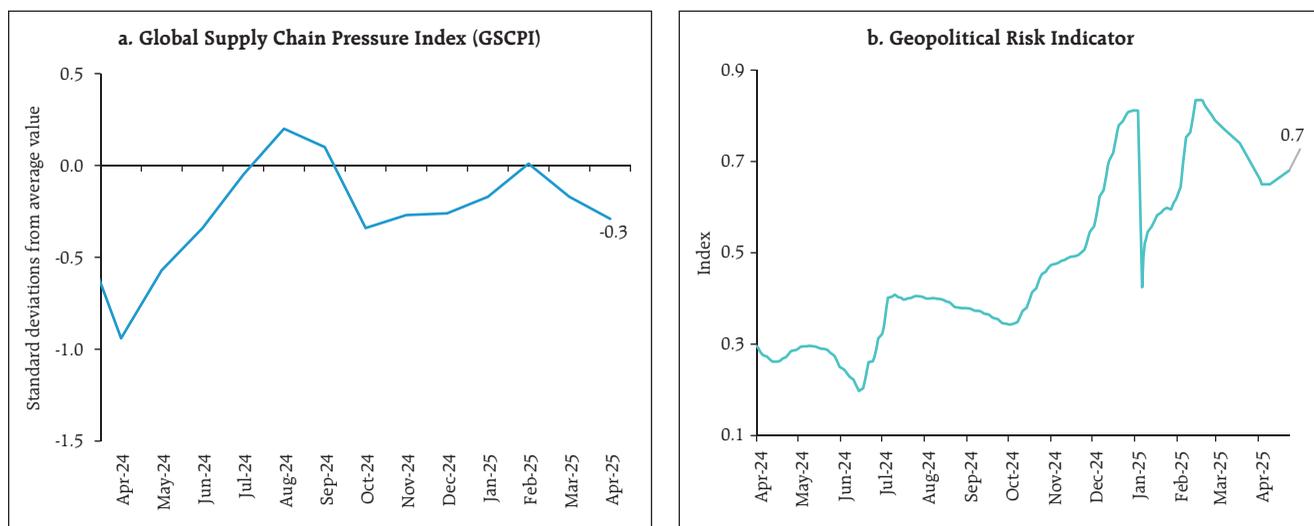
Chain Pressure Index (GSCPI) continued to decline below the historical average levels in April 2025 on

account of lower transportation costs and delivery times (Chart II.1a). The geopolitical risk indicator increased in April 2025, following a sequential moderation since February, primarily due to rising trade protectionism and ongoing tensions in the Middle East (Chart II.1b).

Consumer sentiments worsened in AEs with an across-the-board decline in April 2025 while EMEs showed greater resilience, with India and Brazil registering slight improvement in consumer sentiments (Chart II.2a and II.2b). Financial conditions continued to tighten further across major AEs and EMEs, except India (Chart II.2c and II.2d).

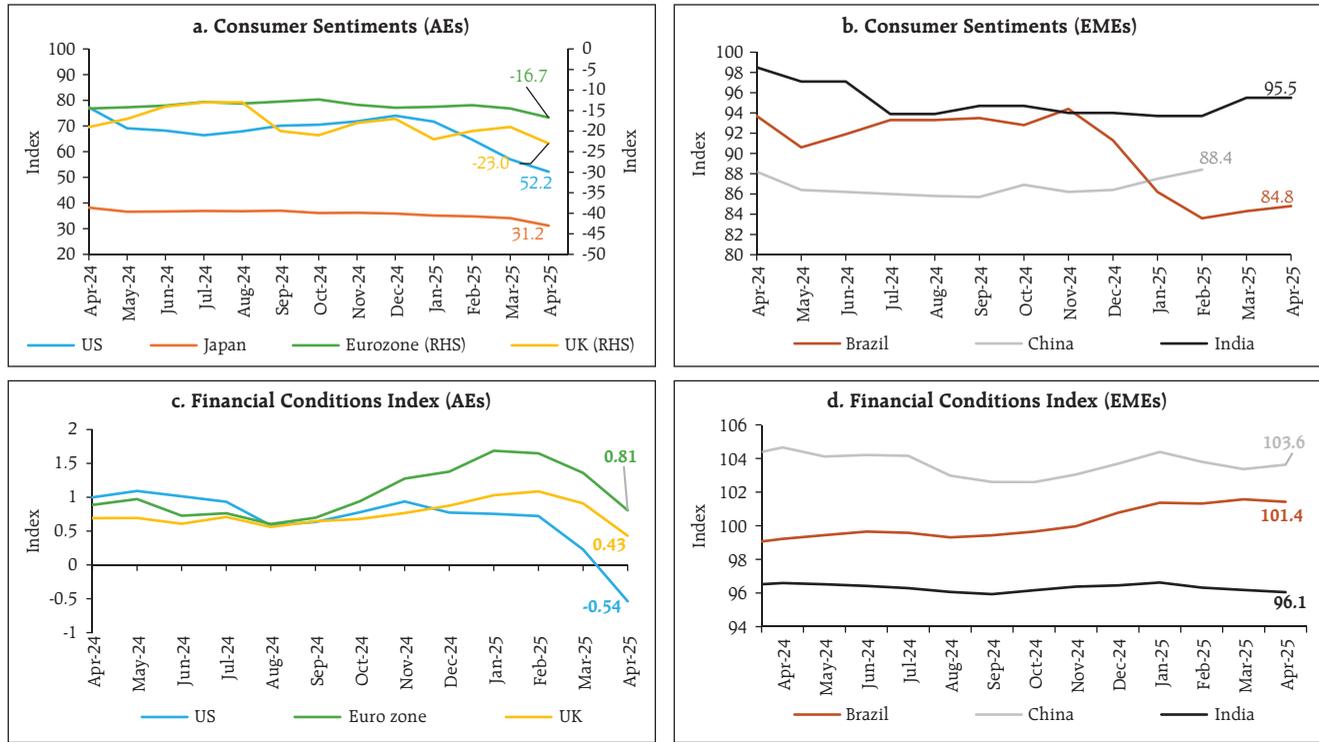
The global composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) growth slowed to a 17-month low in April 2025, as services sector activity decelerated sharply while manufacturing output remained sluggish (Chart II.3a). Global manufacturing PMI contracted for the first time in four months on account of declining new orders and worsening global trade. Even though the global services PMI remained in expansionary territory, its growth slowed due to weaker new

Chart II.1: Trends in Global Supply Chain Pressures and Geopolitical Risks



Notes: GSCPI reflects data on transportation costs and manufacturing indicators.
Sources: Federal Reserve Bank of New York; and BlackRock Investment Institute, April 2025.

Chart II.2: Consumer Sentiment and Financial Conditions

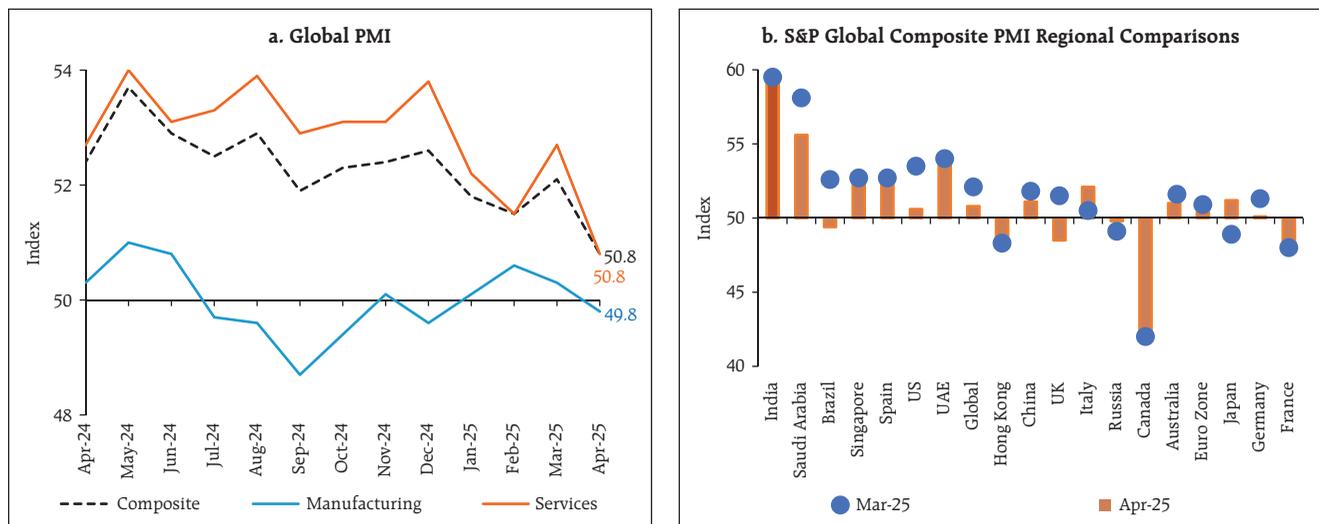


Notes: 1. Japan: A score above 50 indicates consumer optimism, below 50 shows lack of consumer confidence and 50 indicates neutrality.
 2. Euro zone and UK: -100 indicate extreme lack of confidence, 0 denotes neutrality while 100 indicates extreme confidence.
 3. India and US: Higher the index value, higher is the consumer confidence.
 4. For financial condition index (pertaining to EMEs constructed by Goldman Sachs), a reading below 100 is accommodative and vice versa. As for the AEs, the index constructed by Bloomberg is a z-score where a positive value indicates accommodative/easy financial conditions and vice versa.
Source: Bloomberg.

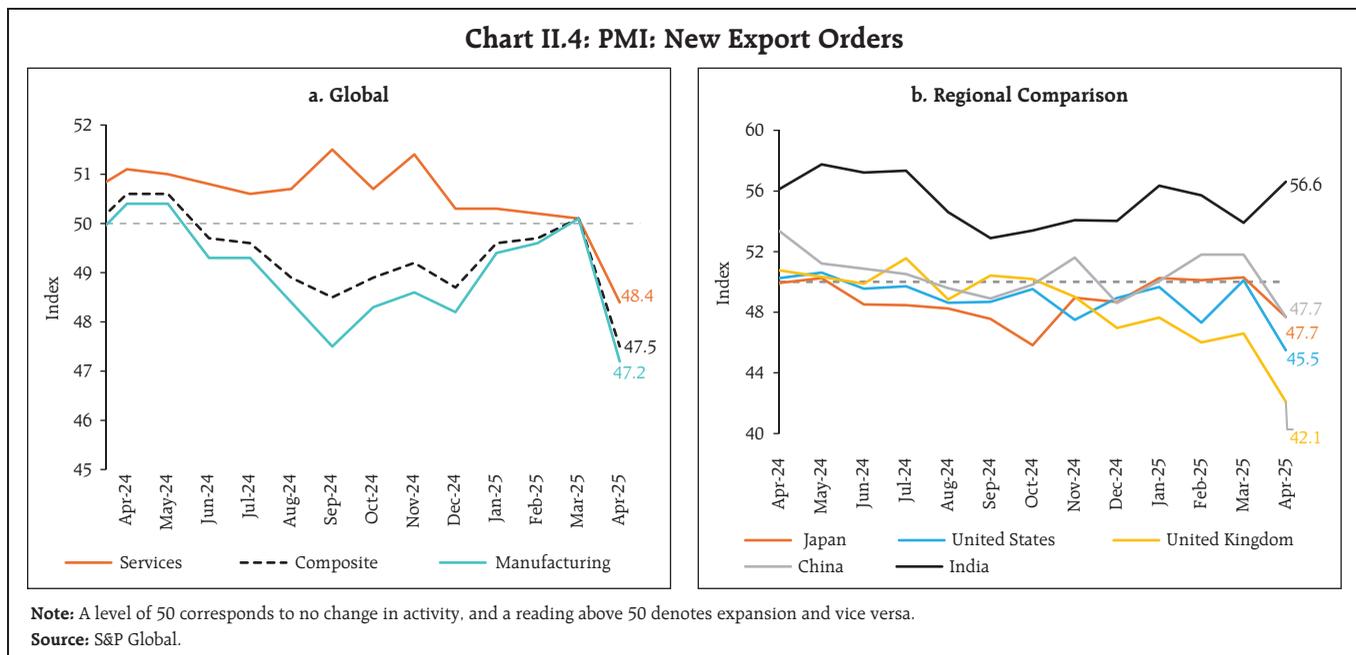
business inflows and a decline in export demand. Across regions, India continued to be an outlier

with robust PMI readings while Canada continued to register a sharp contraction (Chart II.3b).

Chart II.3: Purchasing Managers' Index



Note: A level of 50 corresponds to no change in activity, and a reading above 50 denotes expansion and vice versa.
Source: S&P Global.



The composite PMI for new export orders contracted substantially in April 2025, with orders in both manufacturing and services moving into contractionary territory, reversing the trend seen in March 2025 (Chart II.4a). In April 2025, new export orders contracted for all major economies, barring India (Chart II.4b).

As indicated by the Bloomberg Commodity Index, global commodity prices declined by 5.1 per cent in April driven by lower energy and base metal prices (Chart II.5a). Food prices¹³ edged up by 1.0 per cent (m-o-m) in April, primarily driven by the increase in prices of meat, dairy and cereals, which was partially offset by moderation in sugar and vegetable oil prices (Chart II.5b). Crude oil prices declined steeply by 18.1 per cent in April (m-o-m) primarily on global demand concerns and increased output from OPEC+. Subsequently, prices rebounded by 4.5 per cent in May (up to May 19), supported by renewed demand hopes after a temporary trade agreement between the US and China (Chart II.5c). Base metal prices also

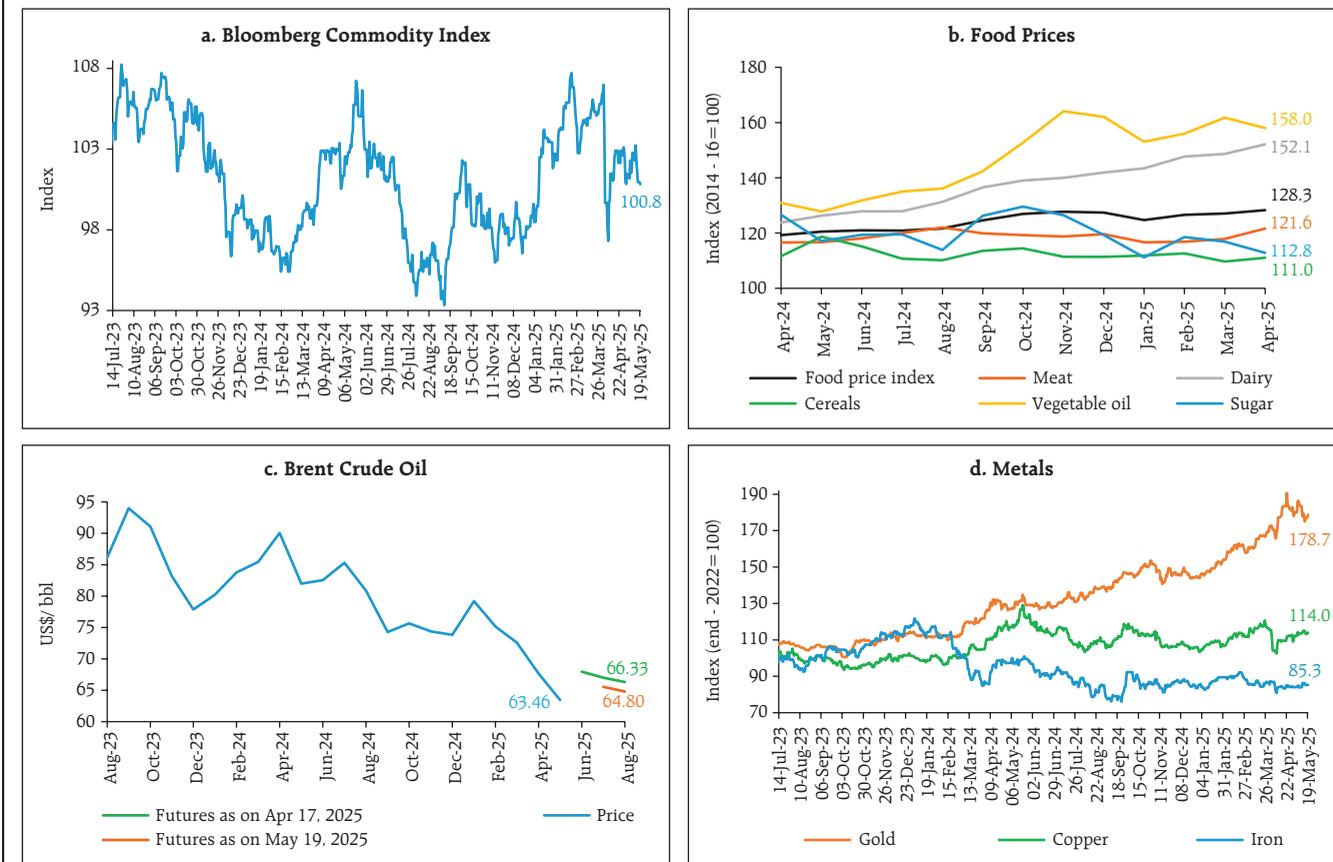
¹³ Measured by the Food and Agriculture Organisation's (FAO's) food price index.

dropped sharply in April, as tariff announcements dampened the global economic outlook. Prices, however, saw a recovery in the third week of May as trade sentiment improved following a de-escalation in the tariff war. Gold prices remained elevated in April, bolstered by safe-haven demand amidst rising trade uncertainties, but the trend reversed in May as market concerns eased (Chart II.5d).

Headline inflation remains above target in many economies, and inflation expectations now exceed central bank targets in most AEs as well as in EMEs¹⁴. In the US, CPI inflation softened to 2.3 per cent (y-o-y) in April 2025 from 2.4 per cent in March. Inflation, in terms of the personal consumption expenditure (PCE) deflator, declined to 2.3 per cent in March from 2.7 per cent in February. Headline inflation in the Euro area remained unchanged at 2.2 per cent in April. Inflation in the UK and Japan also softened from that of February by 20 bps and 10 bps to 2.6 per cent and 3.6 per cent, respectively, in March (Chart II.6a). Among EMEs, CPI inflation in Brazil remained elevated but stable in April, whereas China remained

¹⁴ World Economic Outlook, April 2025, IMF.

Chart II.5: Commodity and Food Prices

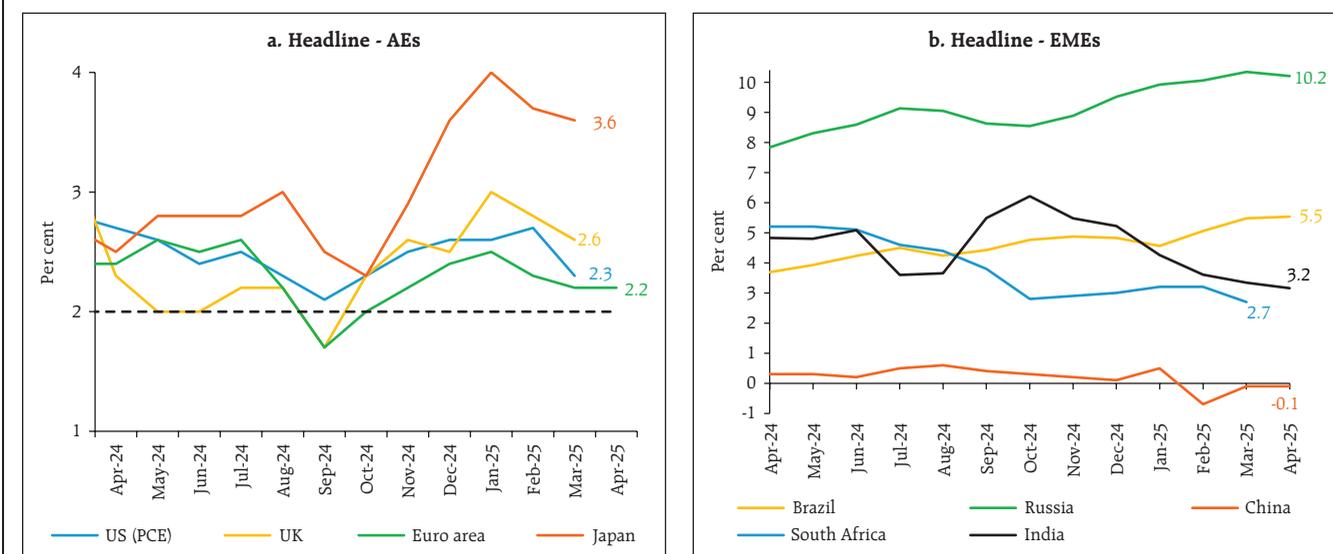


Sources: Bloomberg; World Bank Pink Sheet; and FAO.

in deflation. Inflation moderated in Russia in April, while it moderated in South Africa in March (Chart

II.6b). Core inflation remained above the headline across most AEs.

Chart II.6: Inflation - AEs and EMEs



Sources: Bloomberg; and OECD.

Global equity markets witnessed heightened volatility in early April, with the announcement of sweeping tariffs on April 2 triggering a sharp sell-off worldwide. However, sentiments improved later in the month and equity markets registered a strong recovery following the announcement of a 90-day pause on reciprocal US tariffs on April 9 and with major US tech companies reporting strong earnings. This rebound more than offset the initial losses, with the MSCI World Equity Index ending the month with a modest gain of 0.8 per cent. The rally strengthened further in the third week of May, with the index rising by 5.9 per cent (as of May 19), fully recouping the losses triggered by the April 2 tariff announcement, driven by growing optimism over potential new bilateral trade deals with the US (Chart II.7a). Yields

on the US government securities declined in April, with the 10-year treasury yield falling by 4 bps, as safe-haven demand driven by tariff war uncertainties outweighed intermittent upticks during the month (Chart II.7b). The US dollar index (DXY) depreciated by 4.6 per cent in April amidst weaker-than-expected GDP data in Q1:2025 and deteriorating consumer sentiment. However, the trend reversed in May for both US Treasury yields and the dollar, with the 10-year yield rising by 29 basis points and the dollar strengthening by 1.0 per cent (till May 19), as investor sentiments improved in view of stronger-than-expected non-farm payroll data and US-China trade deal. Concomitantly, the MSCI currency index for EMEs increased in May with equity markets recording inflows (Chart II.7c and II.7d).

Chart II.7: Global Financial Markets

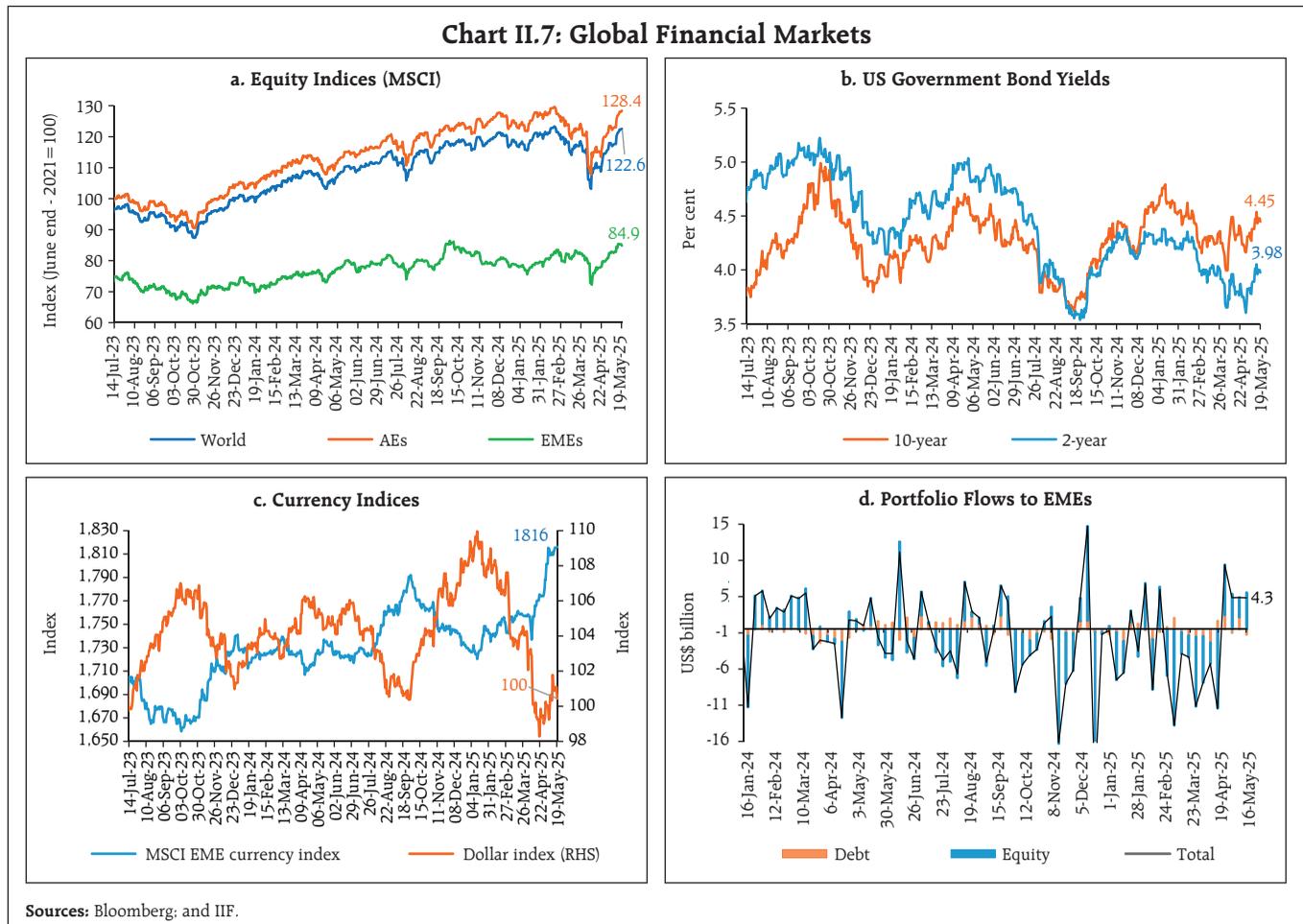
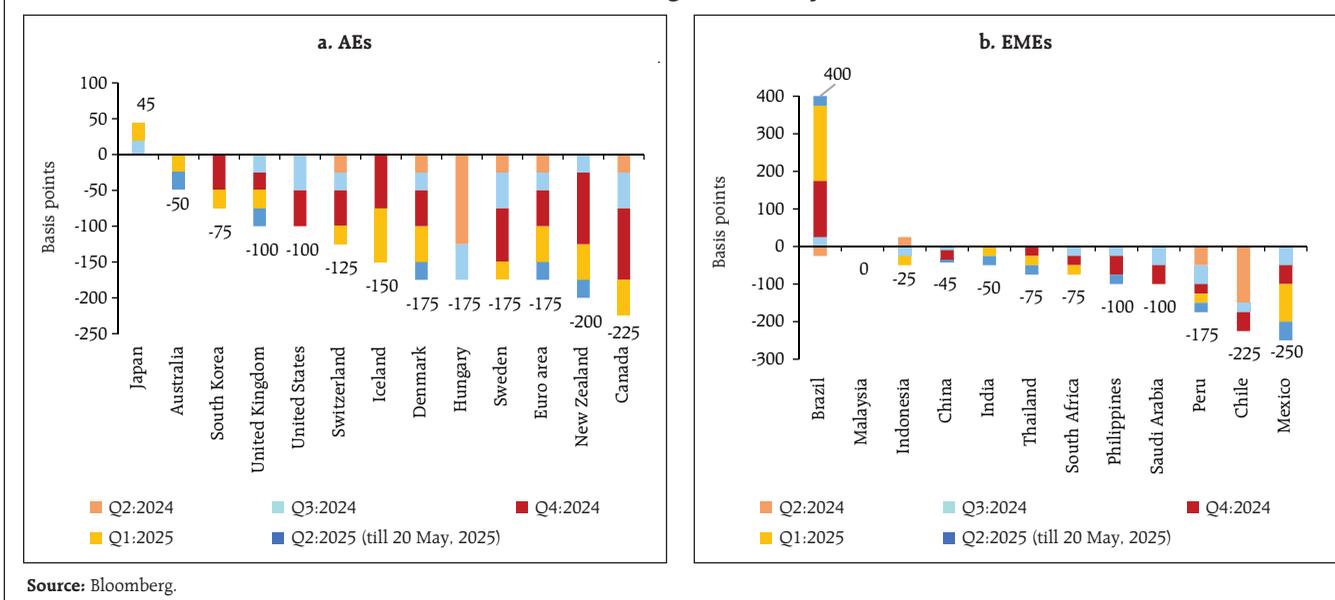


Chart II.8: Changes in Policy Rates



With the outlook being clouded by considerable uncertainties, central banks maintained a cautious monetary policy approach, with most pausing on rate cuts. Among AE central banks, Canada, South Korea and Israel maintained their key rates while Euro area and New Zealand reduced their benchmark rates by 25 bps in April. The US, Japan, Norway, and Sweden held rates steady, whereas the UK, Australia and Czech Republic reduced their policy rates by 25 basis points in their May meetings (Chart II.8a). Among EME central banks, Russia, Chile, Hungary, Indonesia and Romania kept their policy rates unchanged, while Colombia, Philippines and Thailand cut their key rates by 25 bps each in April. In May, China and Peru cut their rates by 10 bps and 25 bps, respectively, while Poland and Mexico reduced their policy rates by 50 bps each. Malaysia continued to pause while Brazil hiked by 50 bps (Chart II.8b).

III. Domestic Developments

The Indian economy remains resilient amidst global uncertainties. Domestic growth is driven by robust domestic consumption, increased government spending and strong services sector.

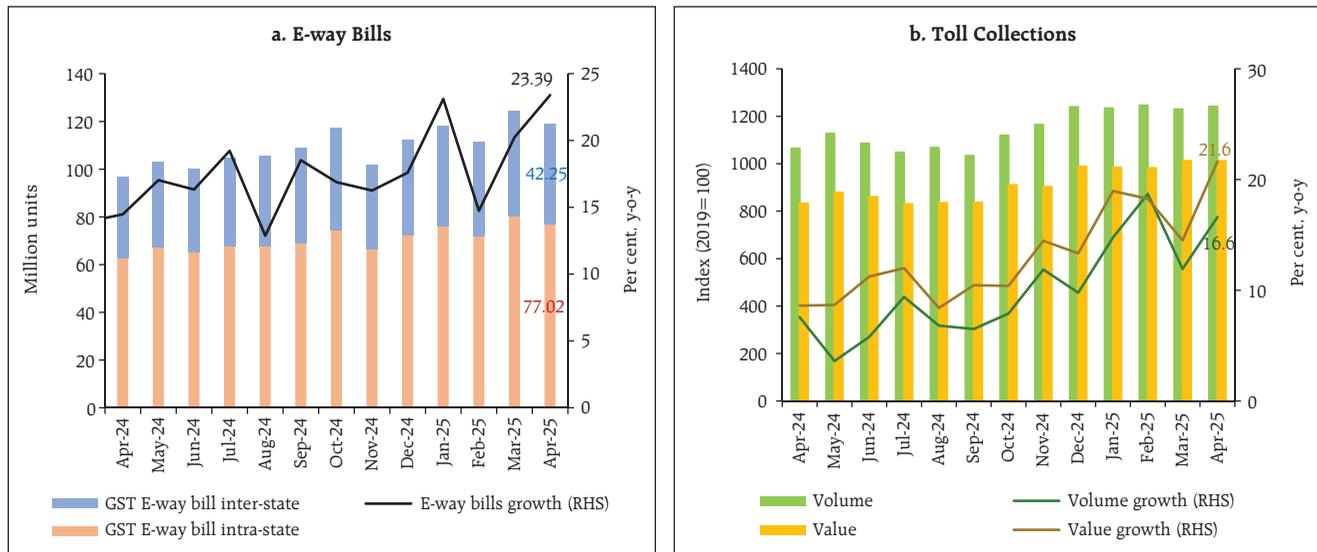
Aggregate Demand

High frequency indicators suggest that aggregate demand remained broadly resilient in April 2025. E-way bills and toll collections recorded robust double-digit growth (y-o-y) in April 2025 (Chart III.1a and III.1b).

The automobile sector witnessed a slowdown in April. Wholesale automobile sales declined by 13.3 per cent (y-o-y) in April, with two-wheeler sales growth turning negative owing to high base effect (Chart III.2a and III.2b). Tractor sales registered a strong growth in April 2025, albeit with a weakened momentum. Vehicle registrations recorded a 2.9 per cent growth (y-o-y) with transport segment registering a six-month high growth in April 2025 (Chart III.2c). Petroleum consumption declined by 0.2 per cent (y-o-y) in April marking a decline for the third consecutive month, although the pace of contraction waned (Chart III.2d).

As per Annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), the labour market in January-December 2024 remained resilient, while exhibiting signs

Chart III.1: E-way Bills and Toll Collections

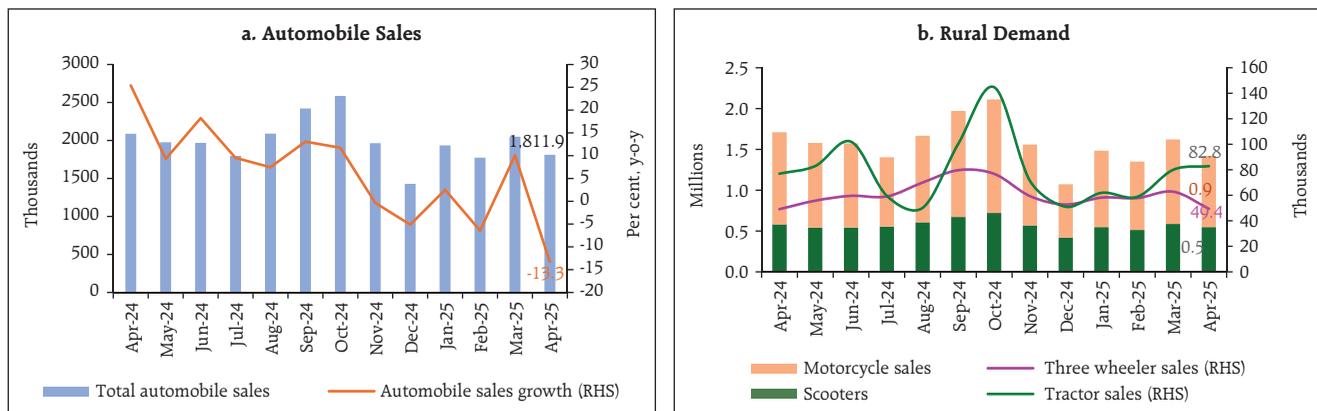


Sources: GSTN; and RBI.

of moderation as compared to the previous year. The labour force participation rate (LFPR) and

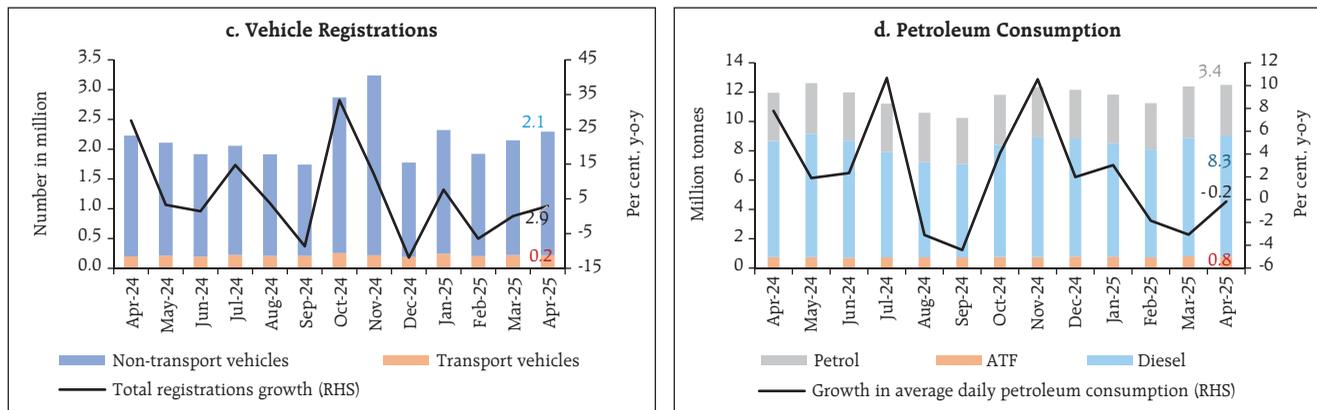
worker population ratio (WPR) came down in 2024, driven entirely by a fall in LFPR and WPR among

Chart III.2: Automobile Sector Indicators



Source: Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM).

Sources: SIAM; and Tractor and Mechanization Association (TMA).



Source: Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell.

Table III.1: Annual PLFS (January-December 2024)

Survey period	All India			Rural			Urban		
Year	All	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	Male	Female
Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR)									
2021	55.2	77.4	32.8	57.6	78.5	36.8	49.4	74.9	23.2
2022	56.1	78.0	33.9	58.5	79.5	37.5	50.0	74.3	24.7
2023	59.8	78.3	41.3	63.4	79.8	47.3	51.4	74.9	27.2
2024	59.6	79.2	40.3	62.9	80.6	45.8	52.2	76.2	27.6
Worker Population Ratio (WPR)									
2021	52.9	74.0	31.7	55.7	75.5	36	46.2	70.4	21.3
2022	54.1	75.1	32.8	56.9	77.1	36.7	47.0	70.4	22.8
2023	58.0	75.8	40.1	61.9	77.7	46.4	48.8	71.6	25.2
2024	57.7	76.6	39.0	61.4	78.4	44.8	49.6	72.8	25.8
Unemployment Rate (UR)									
2021	4.2	4.5	3.4	3.3	3.8	2.1	6.5	6.0	8.2
2022	3.6	3.7	3.3	2.8	3.1	2.1	5.9	5.3	7.7
2023	3.1	3.2	3.0	2.4	2.7	1.9	5.2	4.4	7.5
2024	3.2	3.3	3.1	2.5	2.8	2.1	5.0	4.4	6.7

Note: All indicators are in Usual Status and for person aged 15 and above.

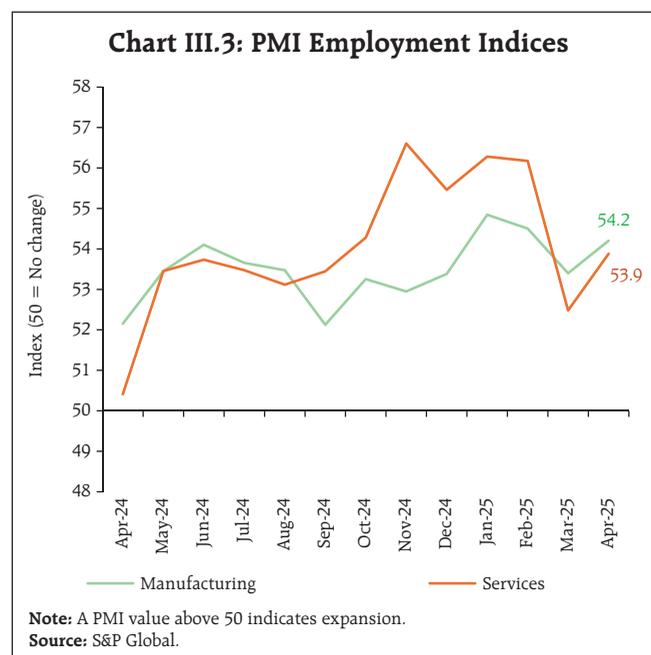
Source: MoSPI.

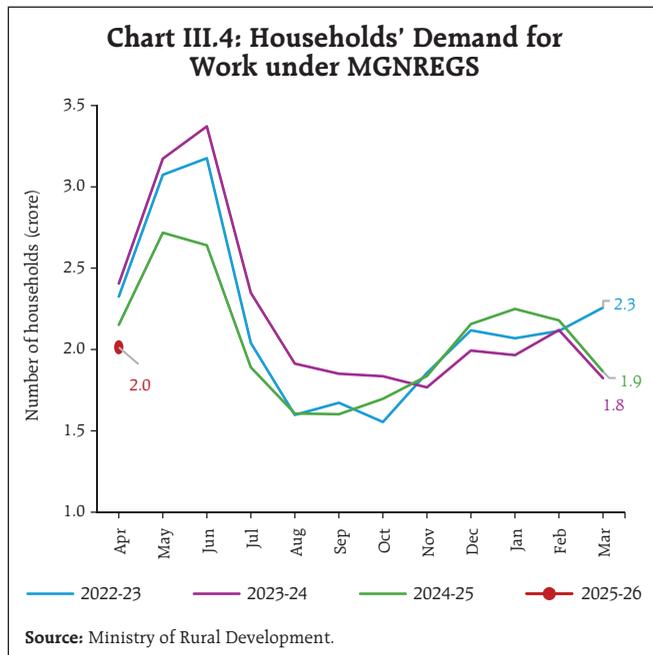
rural females. This can be attributed to a fall in employment among helper in household enterprise (unpaid category) in rural areas. The unemployment rate also increased marginally in 2024 due to a rise in rural unemployment (Table III.1). The post-pandemic expansion in the agriculture sector's share in total employment reversed in 2024, coming down from 46.1 per cent in 2023 to 44.8 per cent in 2024. Concomitantly, the shares of services, construction, and manufacturing increased *vis-a-vis* 2023. The employment quality also increased with the share of regular salaried and self-employed (own-account enterprises) showing an increase in 2024.

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) has started releasing monthly estimates of labour market indicators beginning April 2025. As per the recently released monthly PLFS bulletin for April 2025, the LFPR in the Current Weekly Status (CWS) among persons aged 15 years and above was 55.6 per cent, while the Unemployment Rate (UR) was 5.1 per cent in April

2025. Rural areas recorded a lower unemployment rate of 4.5 per cent compared to 6.5 per cent registered in urban areas.

As per the PMI survey, job creation in organised manufacturing and services sectors picked up pace in April 2025 (Chart III.3).





During April 2025, household demand for work under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) rose by 7.9 per cent sequentially; however, it remained at its lowest level for the month of April since the onset of recovery from the pandemic (Chart III.4).

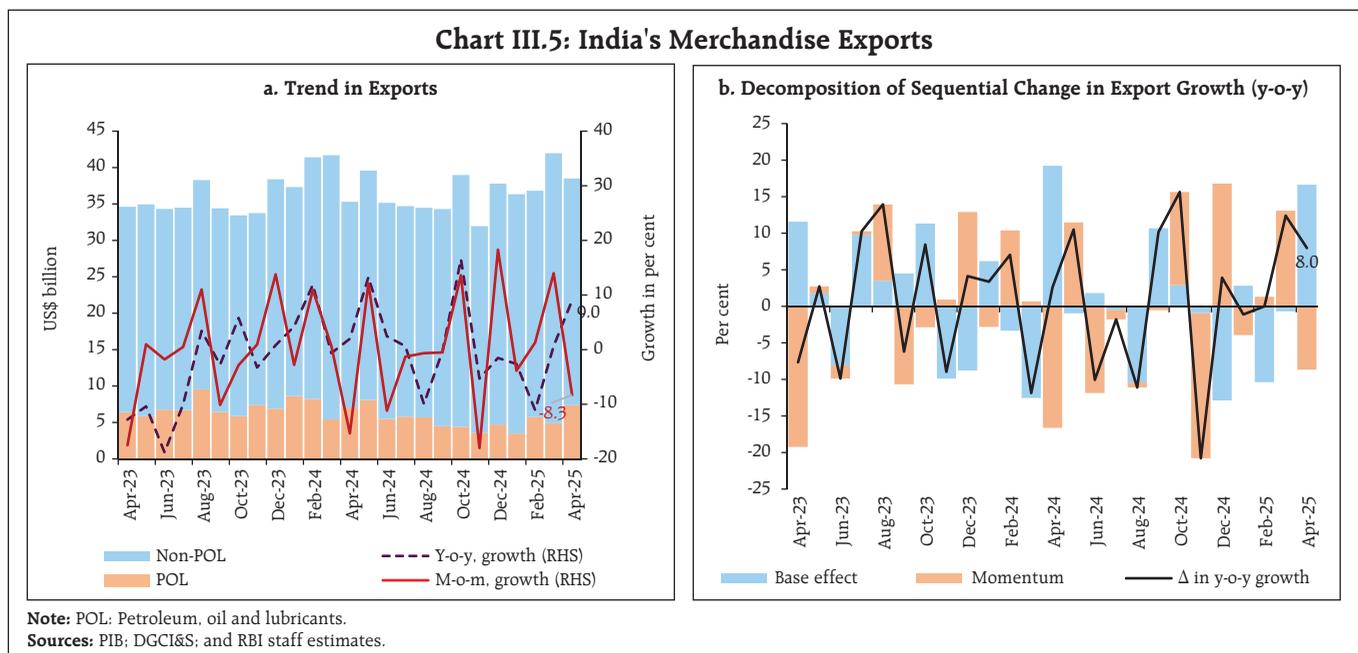
India's merchandise exports grew by 9.0 per cent (y-o-y) to US\$ 38.5 billion in April 2025, as favourable

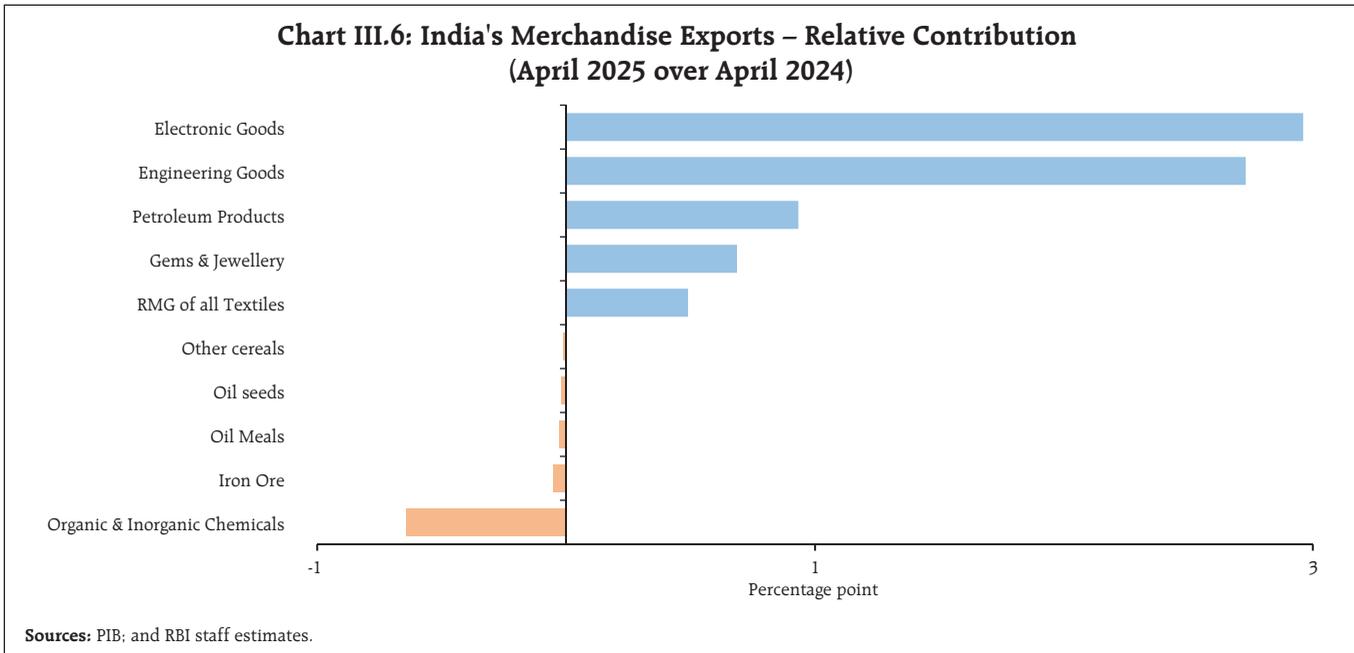
base effect more than offset the negative momentum (Chart III.5).

Exports of 23 out of 30 major commodities (accounting for 86.2 per cent of export basket in 2024-25) expanded on y-o-y basis in April. Electronic goods, engineering goods, petroleum products, gems and jewellery, and ready-made garments of all textiles supported export growth in April while organic and inorganic chemicals, iron ore, oil meals, oil seeds, and other cereals contributed negatively (Chart III.6). Exports to 11 out of 20 major destinations expanded in April 2025, with the US, the UAE and Netherlands being the top 3 export destinations.

Merchandise imports at US\$ 64.9 billion expanded by 19.1 per cent (y-o-y) in April 2025, on positive momentum as well as from favourable base effect (Chart III.7). Out of 30 major commodities, 23 commodities (accounting for 82.5 per cent of import basket) registered an expansion on y-o-y basis.

Petroleum, crude and products, electronic goods, chemical material and products, machinery, and

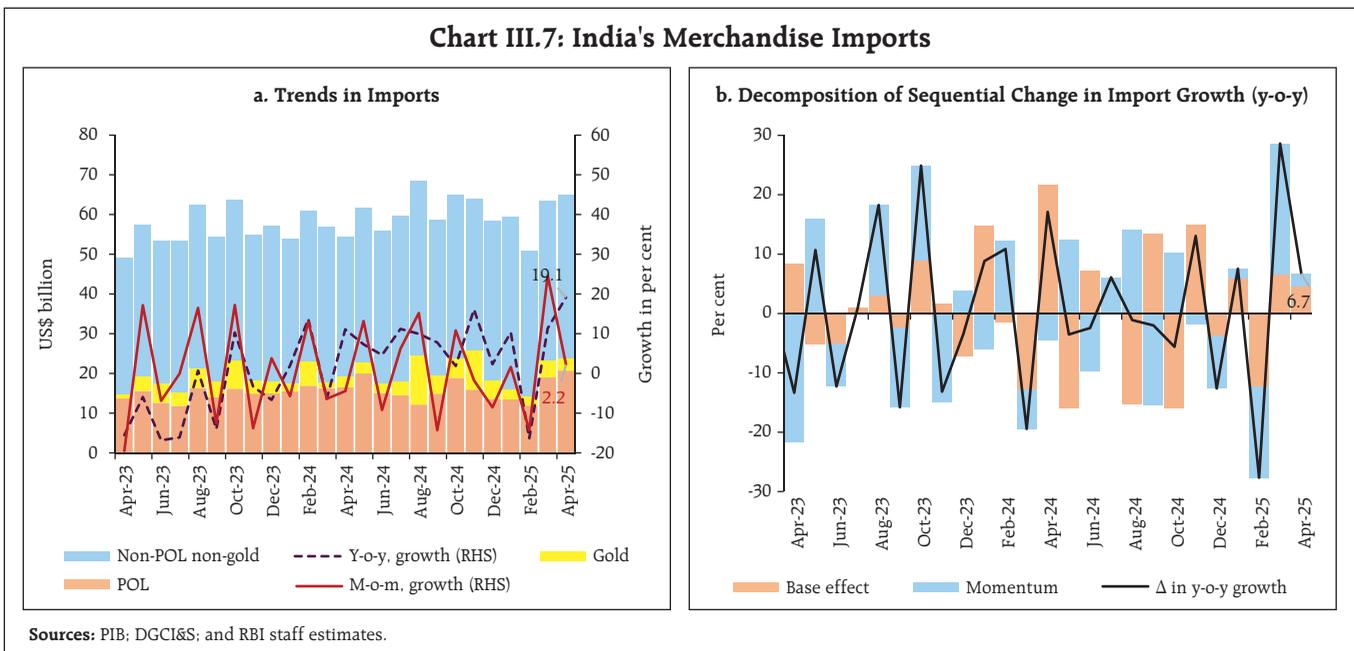


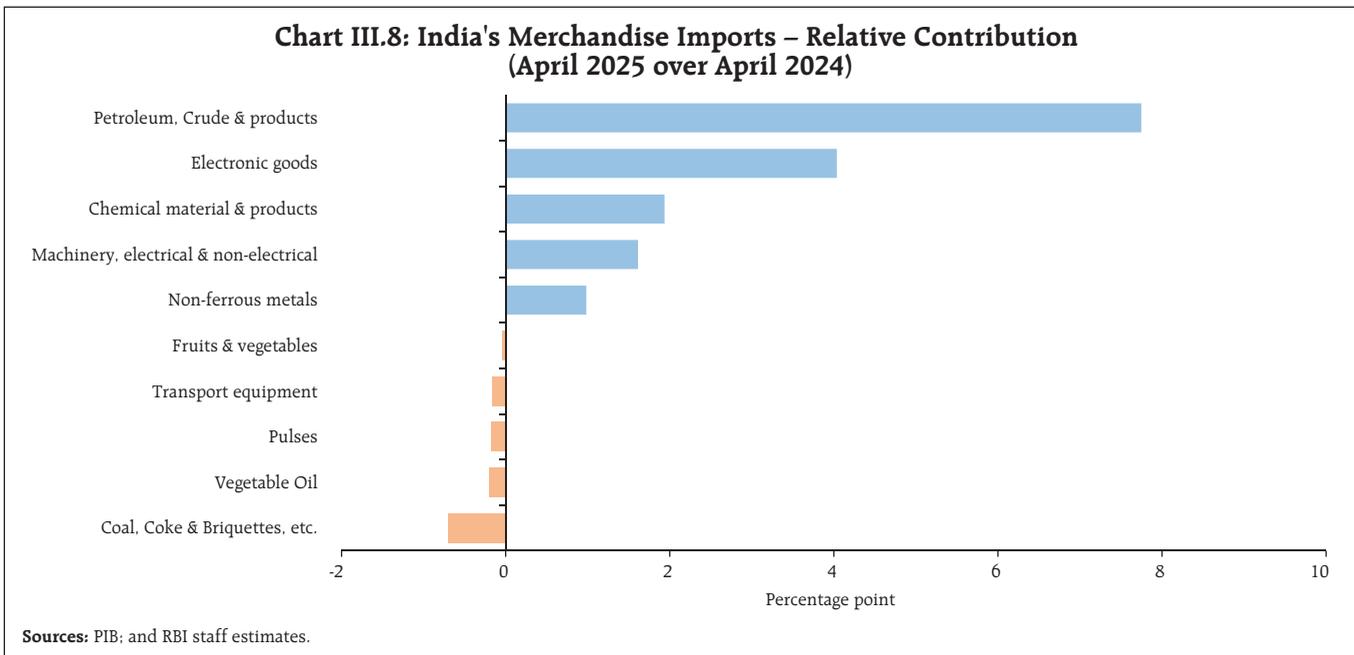


non-ferrous metal supported the import growth, while coal, coke and briquettes, vegetable oil, pulses, transport equipments, and fruits and vegetables, dragged imports down (Chart III.8).

Imports from 17 out of 20 major source countries expanded in April 2025. Among major trading partners, imports from China, Russia, the UAE and the US increased.

Merchandise trade deficit widened to US\$ 26.4 billion in April 2025 from US\$ 19.2 billion in April 2024. Oil deficit increased to US\$ 13.3 billion in April from US\$ 9.4 billion a year ago. Consequently, its share in total trade deficit rose to 50.5 per cent in April from 49.2 per cent a year ago. Similarly, non-oil deficit widened to US\$ 13.1 billion in April from US\$ 9.7 billion a year ago (Chart III.9). Petroleum

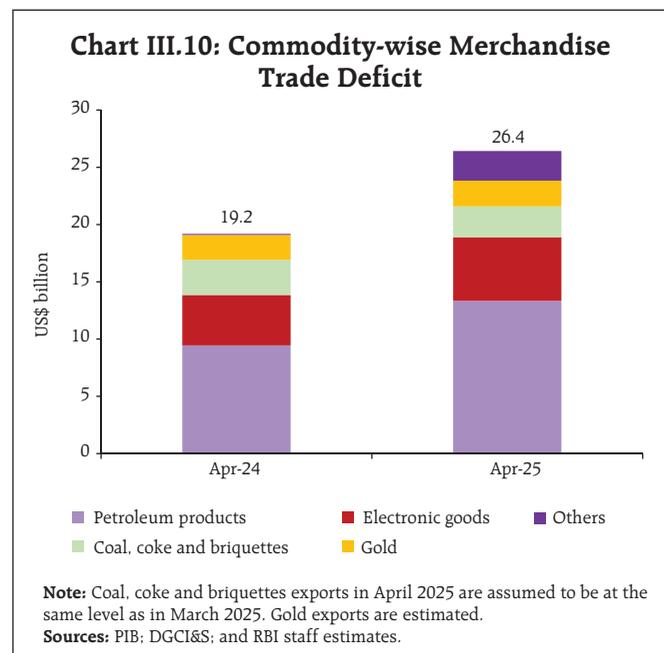
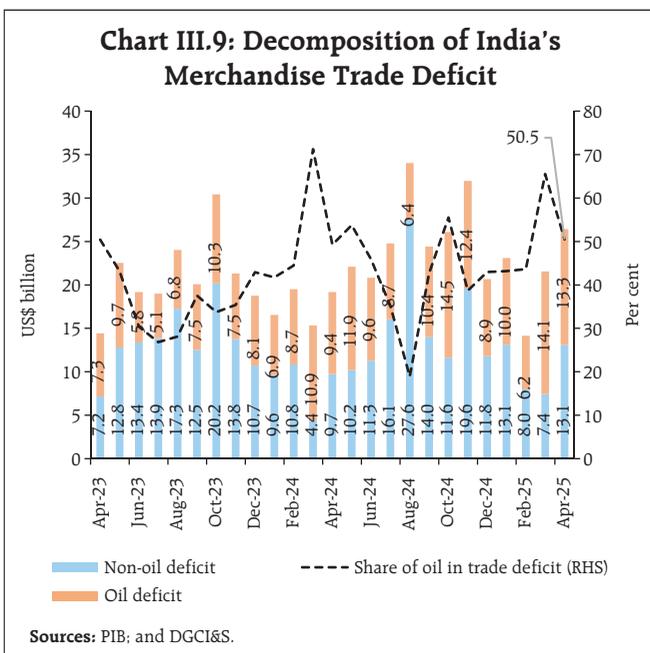


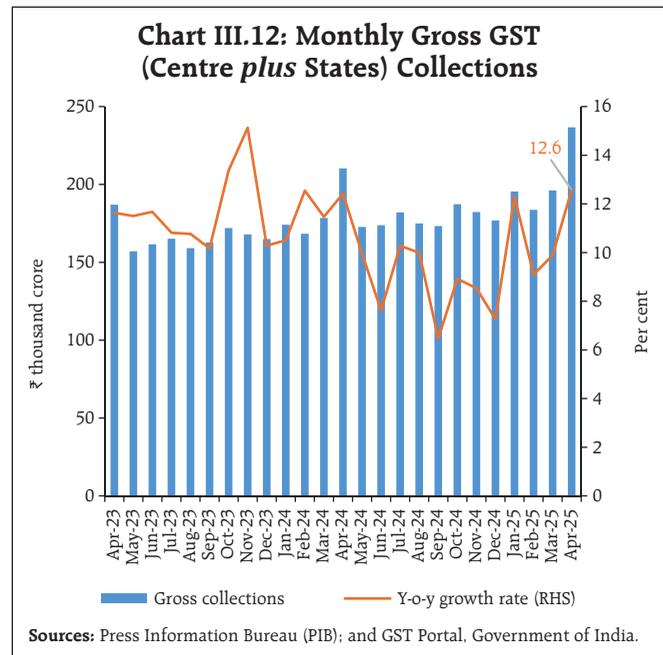
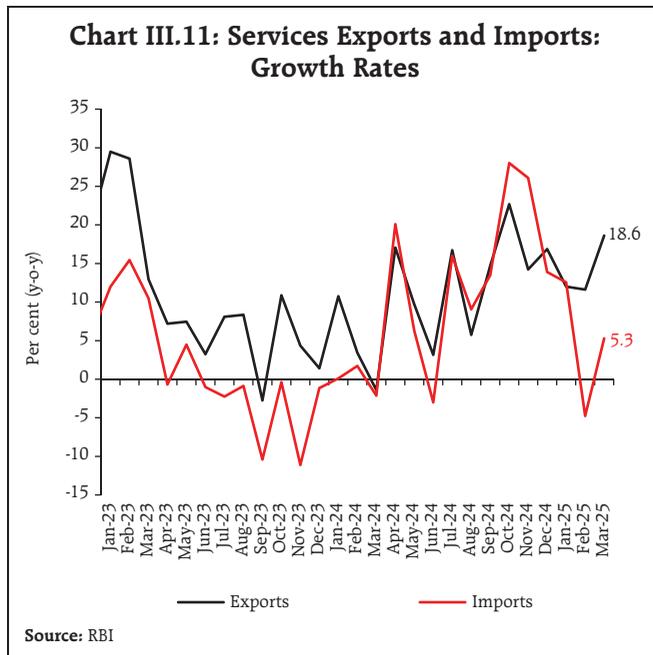


products were the largest source of deficit, followed by electronic goods and coal, coke and briquettes (Chart III.10).

In March 2025, net services export earnings growth accelerated to 35.1 per cent y-o-y. Services exports rose by 18.6 per cent to US\$ 35.6 billion—the second-highest monthly level in

the current fiscal year—while imports increased modestly by 5.3 per cent to US\$ 17.5 billion (Chart III.11). Services trade continues to anchor India's export performance, with total services exports reaching a record high of US\$ 387.5 billion in 2024–25, marking a 13.6 per cent increase over the previous year.





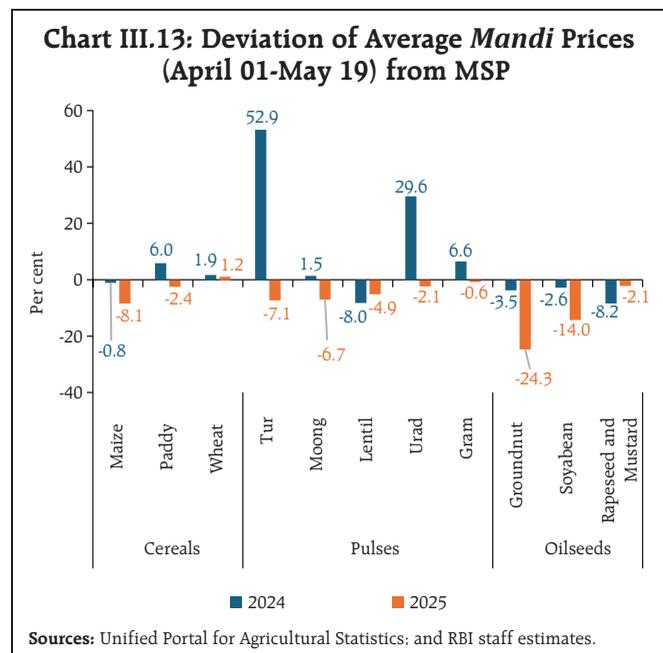
Gross GST collections (centre *plus* states) stood at ₹2.4 lakh crore in April 2025 – the highest monthly collection since the inception of GST in 2017 – registering a robust growth of 12.6 per cent (y-o-y) [Chart III.12]. Collections from domestic sources and import-based sources grew by 10.7 per cent and 20.8 per cent, respectively. Robust GST collections during the past several months is perhaps indicative of resilience in economic activity as well as the government’s efforts to improve tax compliance.

Aggregate Supply

Following the bumper harvest of the major *kharif* as well as *rabi* crops along with the series of policy measures to combat food inflation, the average *mandi* prices¹⁵ of major food crops (except wheat¹⁶) appear to have eased and are

ruling below their minimum support prices (MSPs), auguring well for the nation’s food security (Chart III.13).

In case of summer crops, sowing, especially in pulses, is nearly complete. As of May 16, 2025, the sowing of paddy (accounting for around 43 per cent of total summer acreage) was at 107.6 per cent of

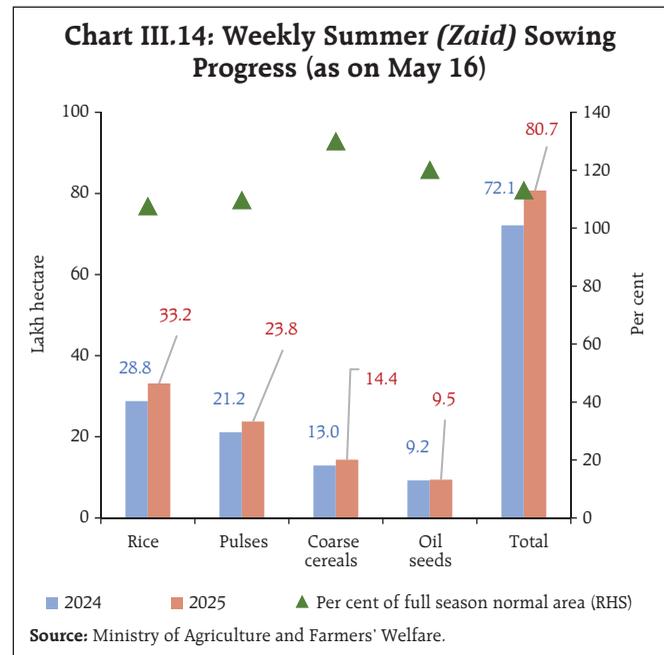


¹⁵ The data for average mandi prices refers to the period from April 1 to May 19, 2025.

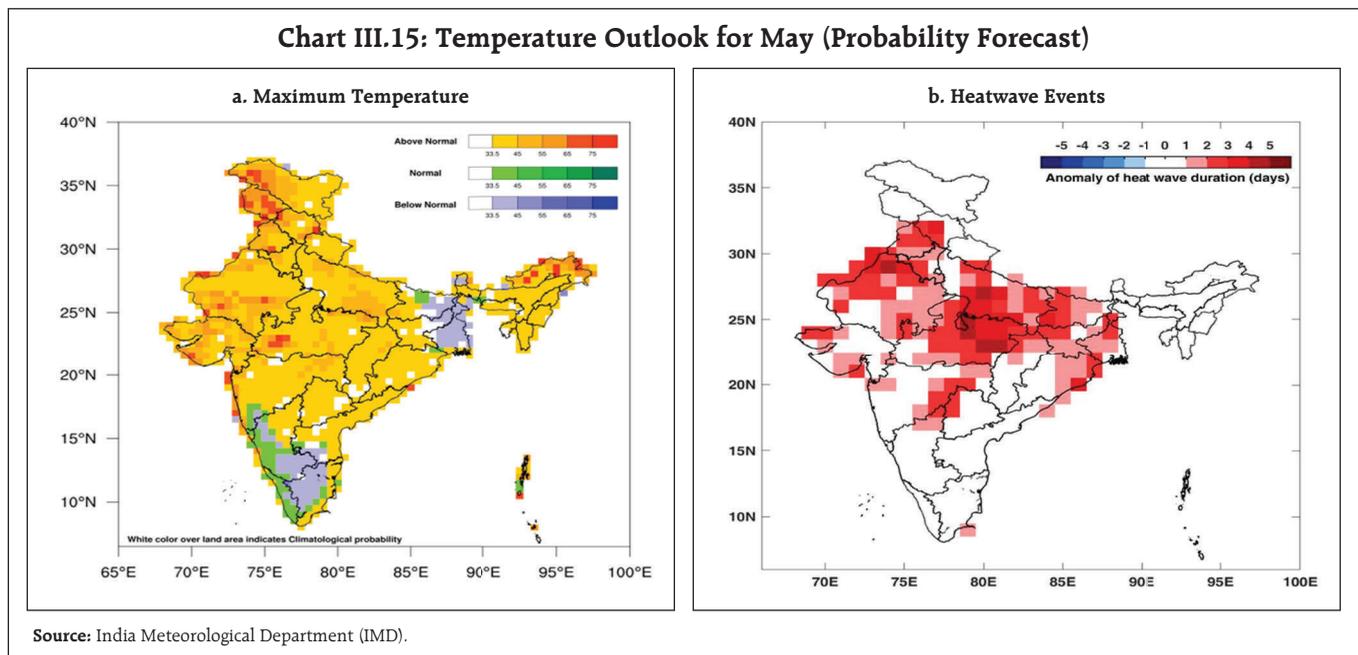
¹⁶ Two states, namely, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh have announced bonus of ₹150/quintal and ₹175/quintal over MSP. The effective MSP after incorporating these bonuses could bring down the differential from mandi prices. (<https://www.newsonair.gov.in/madhya-pradesh-govt-procures-5-80-lakh-mt-wheat-at-msp/> ; <https://finance.rajasthan.gov.in/docs/budget/statebudget/2025-2026/pressnoteng2025-26.pdf>)

full season normal area, while that of green gram or *moong* (accounting for around 27 per cent of total season's acreage) was at 108.2 per cent. The cumulative summer acreage stood at 80.7 lakh hectare which is 11.9 per cent higher over the corresponding week's acreage during the previous year (Chart III.14). The India Meteorology Department (IMD) has forecasted above normal temperatures to persist in May in most parts of the country (Chart III.15). While this raises concerns about potential stress on summer crops, the favourable root zone soil moisture¹⁷ and prevailing comfortable reservoir levels could minimise the adverse impact (Chart III.16). For the month of May, IMD has also projected above normal rains [109 per cent of the long period average (LPA)].

Going ahead the above normal rainfall forecast for Southwest Monsoon 2025 season (105 per cent of the LPA) and its likely early onset (forecast to set over Kerala on May 27, five days earlier than its usual

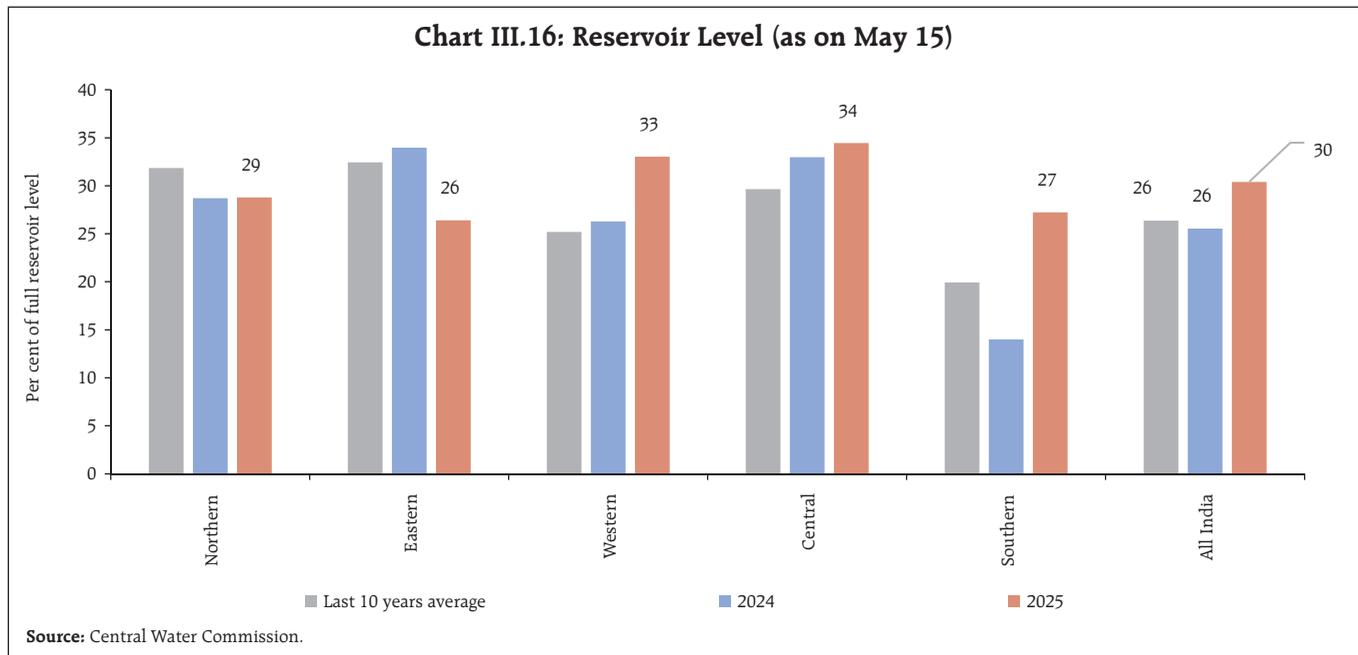


onset date of June 1) augurs well for the upcoming *khari*f season. The requirement projected for the major fertilisers (except phosphatic fertilisers) is also higher as compared to the previous year (*khari*f 2024).¹⁸



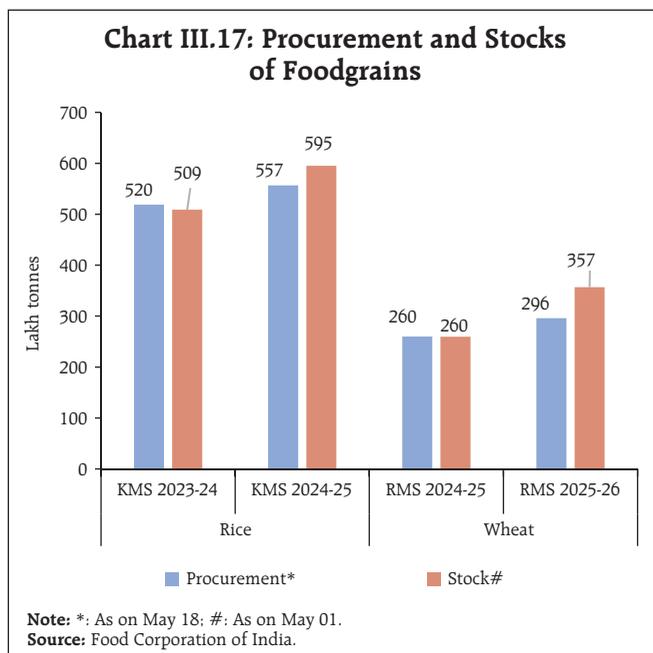
¹⁷ Based on the assessment by the Mahalanobis National Crop Forecast Centre (<https://www.ncfc.gov.in/downloads/LatestAgriculturalCondAsses.pdf>). Root zone soil moisture remains better/similar to the average of the past 9 years in most parts of the country.

¹⁸ Based on the minutes of the meeting of Crop Weather Watch Group (as on April 21, 2025; https://agriwelfare.gov.in/Documents/CWWGDATA/CWWG_WeeklyReport_21042025.pdf)



As on May 18, 2025, the wheat procurement for *rabi* marketing season (RMS) 2025-26 (Apr-Mar) stood at 296.1 lakh tonnes, 13.9 per cent higher than the previous year (Chart III.17). Moreover, the wheat procurement target has been revised up by around 20 lakh tonnes to 332.7 lakh tonnes in view of higher yield in Madhya Pradesh. Rice procurement for the *kharif* marketing season (KMS) 2024-25 (Oct-Sep) at

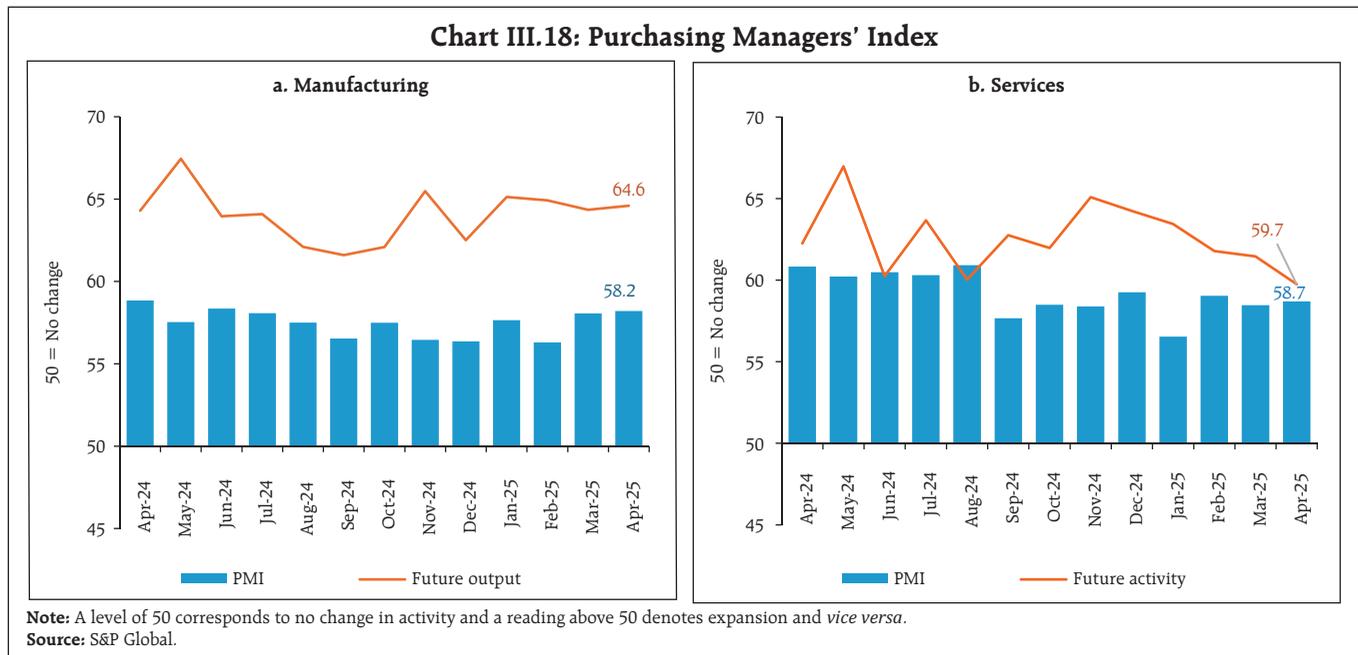
557.1 lakh tonnes was also 7.1 per cent higher than the previous year. As a result of robust procurement, the wheat and rice stocks held by the Food Corporation of India as on May 01, 2025 were 4.8 times (highest in 4 years) and 4.4 times the buffer norms¹⁹, respectively.



The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) growth rate moderated to 3.0 per cent (y-o-y) in March 2025 from 5.5 per cent in March 2024 but was marginally above 2.7 per cent recorded in February 2025. At the sectoral level, growth was dampened by the mining sector, while manufacturing posted a modest growth of 3.0 per cent. Within the use-based categories, infrastructure and primary goods drove expansion, while consumer non-durables dragged it down. The growth of Eight Core Industries Index (ECI) slowed to an eight-month low of 0.5 per cent y-o-y in April 2025, as compared to 6.9 per cent registered in April 2024. While refinery products, fertilisers and crude oil showed negative growth, the production of cement, coal, steel, electricity and natural gas recorded a positive growth in April 2025.

India's manufacturing PMI rose to a ten-month high of 58.2 in April 2025, led by new export orders

¹⁹ For April to June quarter buffer norms for rice and wheat are 135.8 and 74.6 lakh tonnes, respectively.

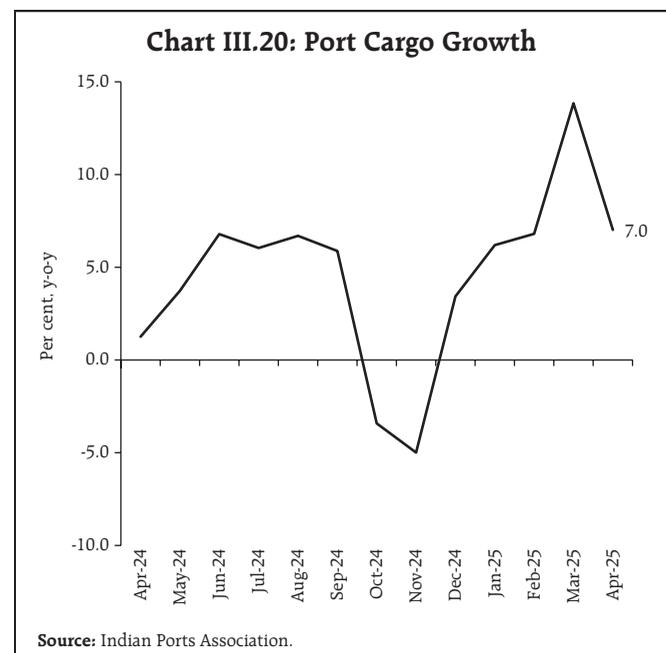
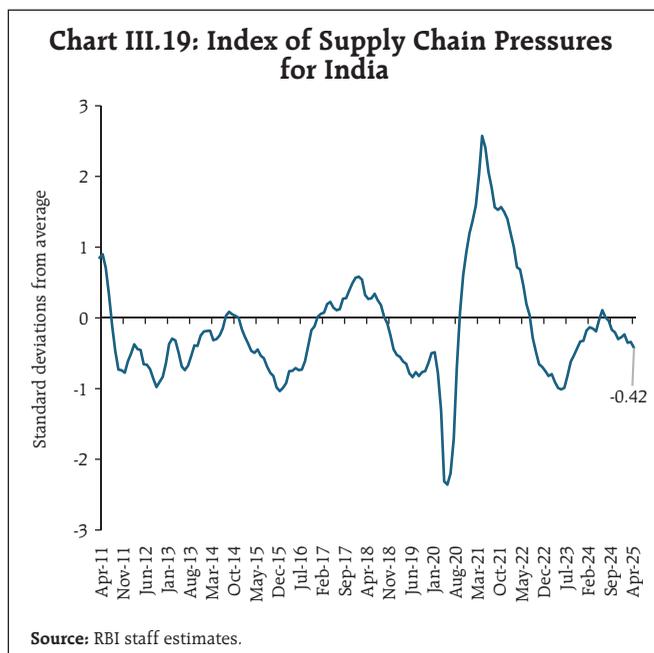


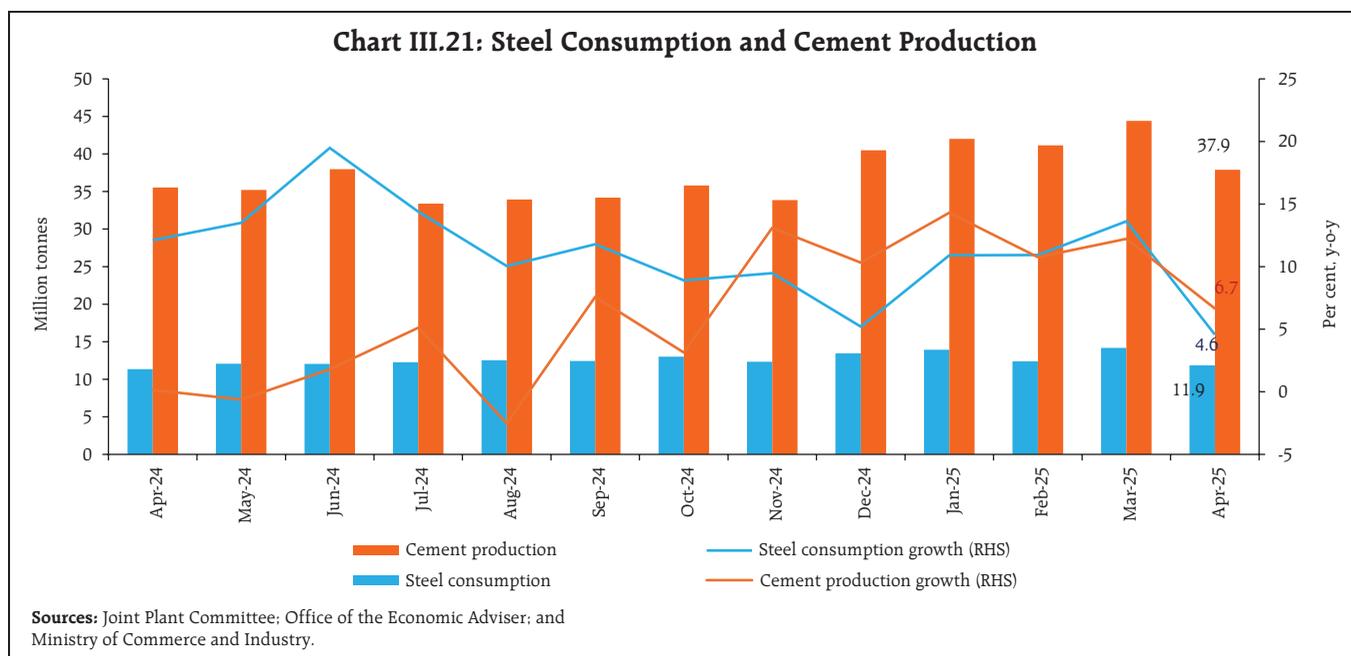
and output (Chart III.18a). The services PMI also accelerated in April supported by a robust increase in new orders (Chart III.18b). Business expectations/future output assessments improved slightly for the manufacturing sector while it moderated for the services sector.

Among the high frequency indicators of industrial economic activity, data for April indicates

that supply chain pressures remain below the historical average levels in April (Chart III.19). Growth in port traffic, although moderating from March, remained strong and above its post-COVID average in April 2025, driven by containerised cargo, petroleum, oil and lubricants (POL), and coal (Chart III.20).

After registering a double-digit growth in Q4:2024-25, construction sector indicators-steel





consumption and cement production- witnessed a moderation in April 2025. (Chart III.21).

Available high frequency indicators for the services sector reflect resilience in economic activity in April (Table III.2).

Table III.2: High Frequency Indicators- Services

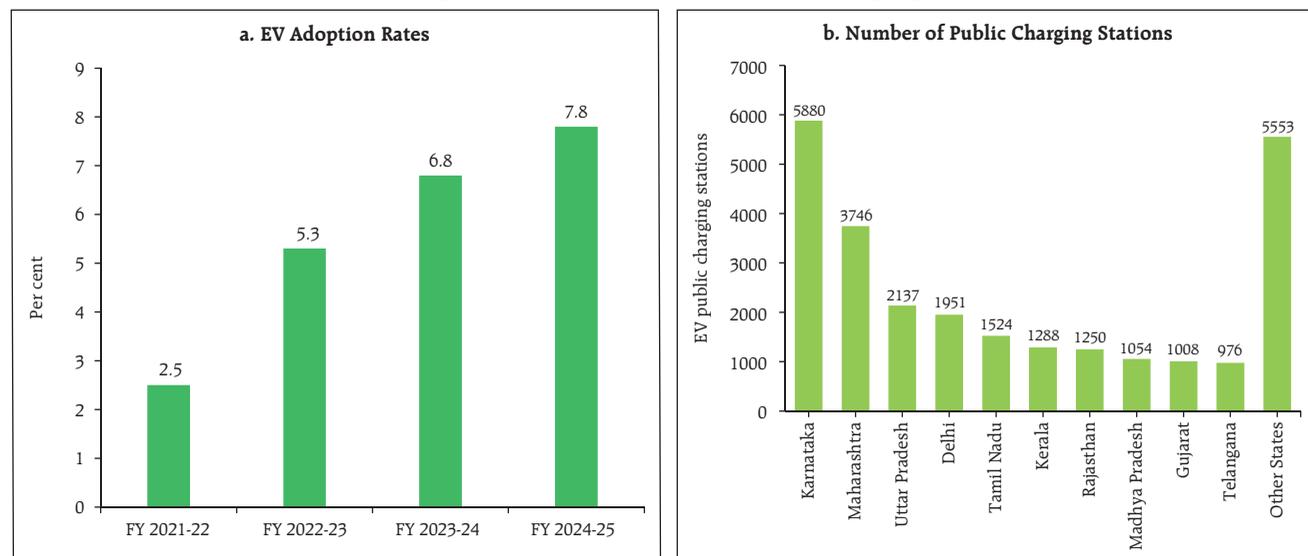
(y-o-y, per cent)

Sector	Indicator	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25
Urban demand	Passenger Vehicles Sales	1.2	4.3	4.9	-2.0	-1.6	-0.4	1.1	4.4	11.4	3.5	3.7	3.7	5.5
Rural demand	Two-Wheeler Sales	30.8	10.1	21.3	12.5	9.3	15.8	14.2	-1.1	-8.8	2.1	-9.0	11.4	-16.7
	Three-Wheeler Sales	16.1	14.4	12.3	5.1	8.0	6.7	-0.7	-1.3	3.5	8.6	4.7	10.5	-0.7
	Tractor Sales	-3.0	0.0	3.6	1.6	-5.8	3.7	22.4	-1.3	14.0	11.4	35.9	25.4	7.7
Trade, hotels, transport, communication	Commercial Vehicles Sales	3.5			-11.0			1.3			1.6			
	Port Cargo Traffic	1.3	3.8	6.8	5.9	6.7	5.8	-3.4	-4.9	3.4	6.2	6.8	13.8	7.0
	Domestic Air Cargo Traffic	0.3	10.3	10.3	8.8	0.6	14.0	8.9	0.3	4.3	6.9	-2.5	4.9	
	International Air Cargo Traffic	16.2	19.2	19.6	24.4	20.7	20.5	18.4	16.1	10.5	7.1	-6.3	3.3	
	Domestic Air Passenger Traffic *	3.8	5.9	6.9	7.6	6.7	7.4	9.6	13.8	10.8	14.1	12.1	9.9	10.5
	International Air Passenger Traffic *	16.8	19.6	11.3	8.8	11.1	11.2	10.3	10.7	9.0	11.1	7.7	4.7	11.8
	GST E-way Bills (Total)	14.5	17.0	16.3	19.2	12.9	18.5	16.9	16.3	17.6	23.1	14.7	20.2	23.4
	GST E-way Bills (Intra State)	17.3	18.9	16.4	19.0	13.1	19.0	18.3	5.4	17.9	23.3	14.9	20.3	22.9
	GST E-way Bills (Inter State)	9.6	13.6	16.3	19.6	12.5	17.7	14.4	44.1	17.1	22.8	14.4	20.1	24.2
	Hotel occupancy	-1.4	-2.6	-3.1	3.6	0.7	2.1	-5.3	11.1	-0.2	1.2	0.6	1.9	
	Average revenue per room	4.8	1.8	2.8	7.6	5.2	3.5	4.8	10.7	8.9	8.7	14.0	11.2	
Tourist Arrivals	7.7	0.3	9.0	-1.3	-4.2	0.4	-1.4	-0.1	-6.6	-0.2	-8.6			
Construction	Steel Consumption	12.1	13.5	19.5	14.4	10.0	11.8	8.9	9.5	5.2	10.9	10.9	13.6	4.6
	Cement Production	0.2	-0.6	1.8	5.1	-2.5	7.6	3.1	13.1	10.3	14.3	10.8	12.2	6.7
PMI Index#	Services	60.8	60.2	60.5	60.3	60.9	57.7	58.5	58.4	59.3	56.5	59.0	58.5	58.7

<<Contraction-----Expansion>>

Note: #: Data in levels. *: April 2025 data are based on the monthly average of daily figures. The Heat-map is constructed for each indicator for the period July-2021 till date.

Sources: SIAM; Ministry of Railways; Tractor and Mechanisation Association; Indian Ports Association; Office of Economic Adviser; GSTN; Airports Authority of India; HVS Anarock; Ministry of Tourism; Joint Plant Committee; and IHS Markit.

Chart III.22: Adoption of Electric Vehicles and Charging Infrastructure

Sources: Vahan Dashboard and Ministry of Heavy Industries.

India is making considerable efforts towards achieving sustainable mobility and cleaner industry, as evident from the consistent increase in the electric vehicle (EV) adoption²⁰ over the last four financial years (Chart III.22a). In 2024-25, around 11.5 lakh electric two-wheelers and 1.6 lakh electric three-wheelers were sold, reflecting a growth of 21 per cent and 57 per cent, respectively.²¹ Since 2020-21, more than 26,000 public EV charging stations (PCS) have been set up across the country as of end-March 2025 (Chart III.22b).²² These developments align with the proposed Greenhouse Gases Emissions Intensity (GEI) Target Rules, 2025, which aim to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070 through sector-specific greenhouse gas (GHG) intensity reduction targets for energy-intensive industries.

Inflation

Headline inflation, as measured by y-o-y changes in the all-India consumer price index (CPI)²³, moderated

²⁰ Adoption rates are calculated by dividing total EVs registration with total vehicle registration in the corresponding Financial Year.

²¹ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2117485>

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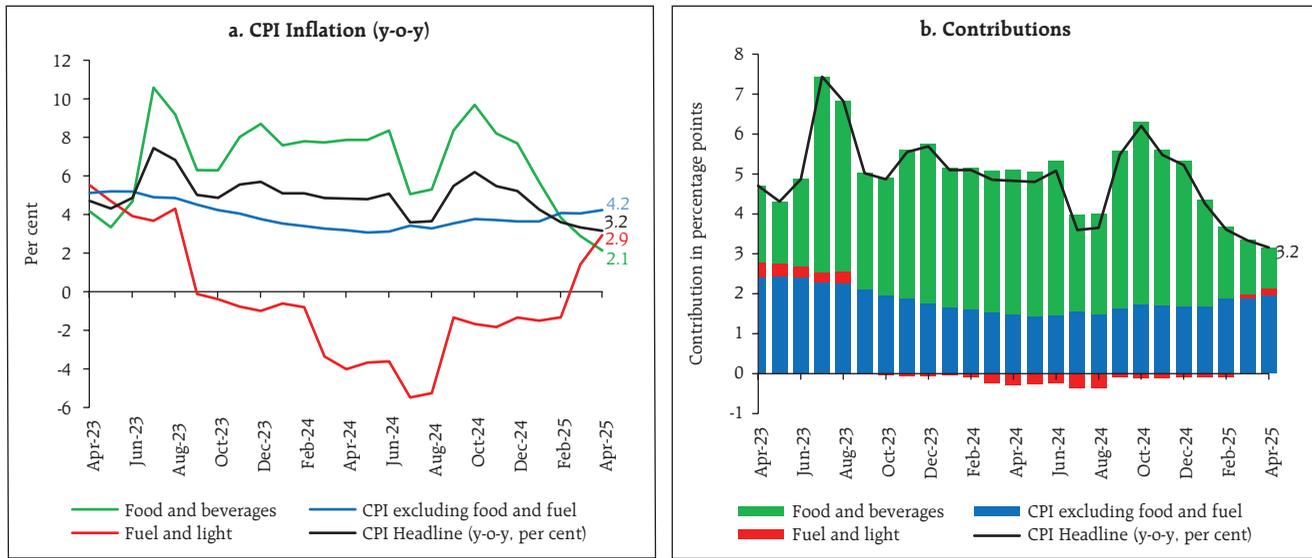
²³ As per the provisional data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on May 13, 2025.

to 3.2 per cent in April 2025 (the lowest since July 2019) from 3.3 per cent in March (Chart III.23). The decline in headline inflation by approximately 20 basis points (bps) came from a negative base effect of 50 bps which more than offset a positive price momentum of 30 bps. CPI food recorded a negative momentum of around (-)10 bps during the month, while momentum in CPI core (CPI excluding food and fuel) and fuel groups was positive at 68 and 67 bps, respectively.

Food inflation (y-o-y) decelerated sharply to 2.1 per cent in April from 2.9 per cent in March. Vegetables and pulses subgroups continued to record deflation. Cereals and fruits also witnessed a moderation in inflation, while it saw an uptick in eggs, milk and products, oils and fats, sugar and confectionary, non-alcoholic beverages, and prepared meals. Spices continued to record deflation, *albeit* at a slower pace, while meat and fish entered the deflationary zone (Chart III.24).

Fuel and light inflation increased to 2.9 per cent in April from 1.4 per cent in March, primarily reflecting a sharp hike in LPG prices by ₹50 per cylinder from April 8. Inflation eased for electricity

Chart III.23: Trends and Drivers of CPI Inflation



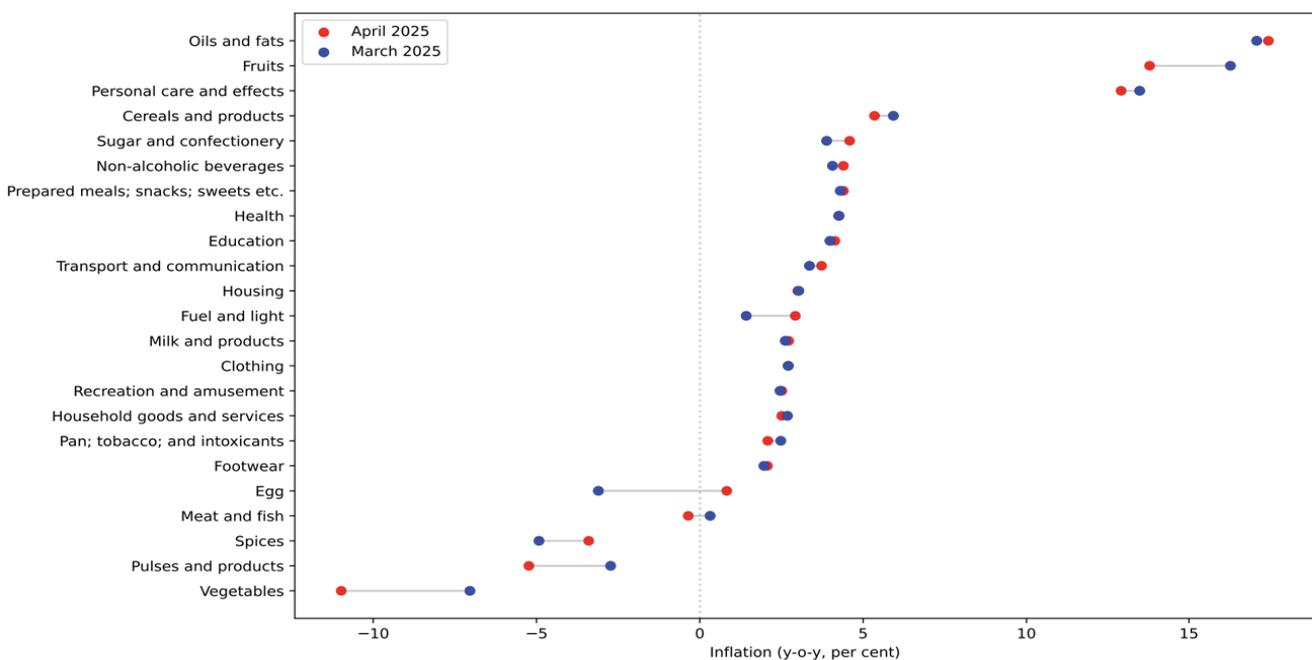
Sources: National Statistical Office (NSO); and RBI staff estimates.

while kerosene prices recorded deflation during the month.

Core CPI inflation edged up to 4.2 per cent in April from 4.1 per cent in March driven by increase in gold prices by 6.2 per cent (m-o-m). Among the

subgroups, inflation increased in clothing and footwear, and transport and communication while it moderated in pan, tobacco and intoxicants, personal care and effects, and household goods and services categories. Inflation remained steady in recreation and amusement, housing and health.

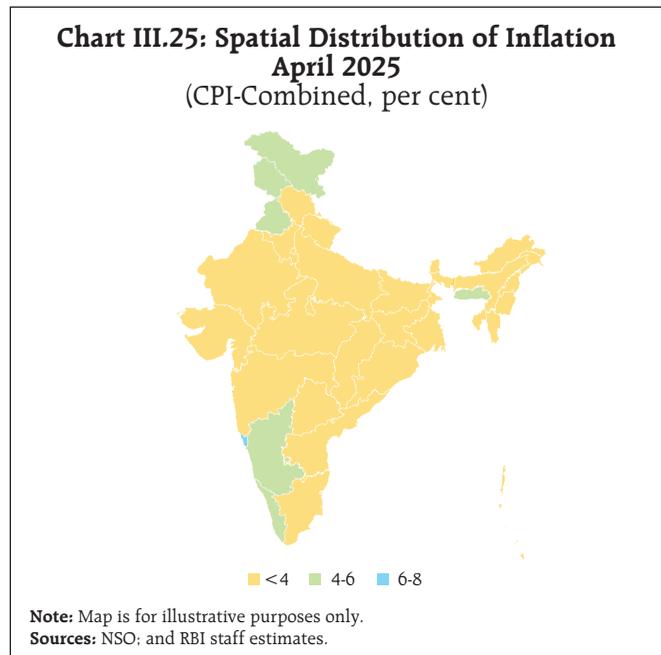
Chart III.24: Annual Inflation across Sub-groups (April 2025 versus March 2025)



Sources: NSO; and RBI staff estimates.

In terms of regional distribution, inflation eased in both rural and urban areas in April, with rural inflation at 2.9 per cent and urban inflation of 3.4 per cent. Across states/UTs, the inflation rate exhibited variability, ranging from 1.3 per cent to 6.9 per cent. Majority of states experienced inflation rates below 4 per cent (Chart III.25).

High frequency food price data for May so far (up to 19th) showed a broad-based moderation in prices of both cereals and pulses. Edible oil prices, on the other hand, continued to edge up - driven by soyabean, sunflower and mustard oil, while palm and groundnut oil prices moderated. Among key vegetables, prices of onion recorded further correction, while potato and tomato prices showed an uptick (Chart III.26).



Retail selling prices of petrol and diesel remained broadly unchanged in May (up to 19th). Kerosene

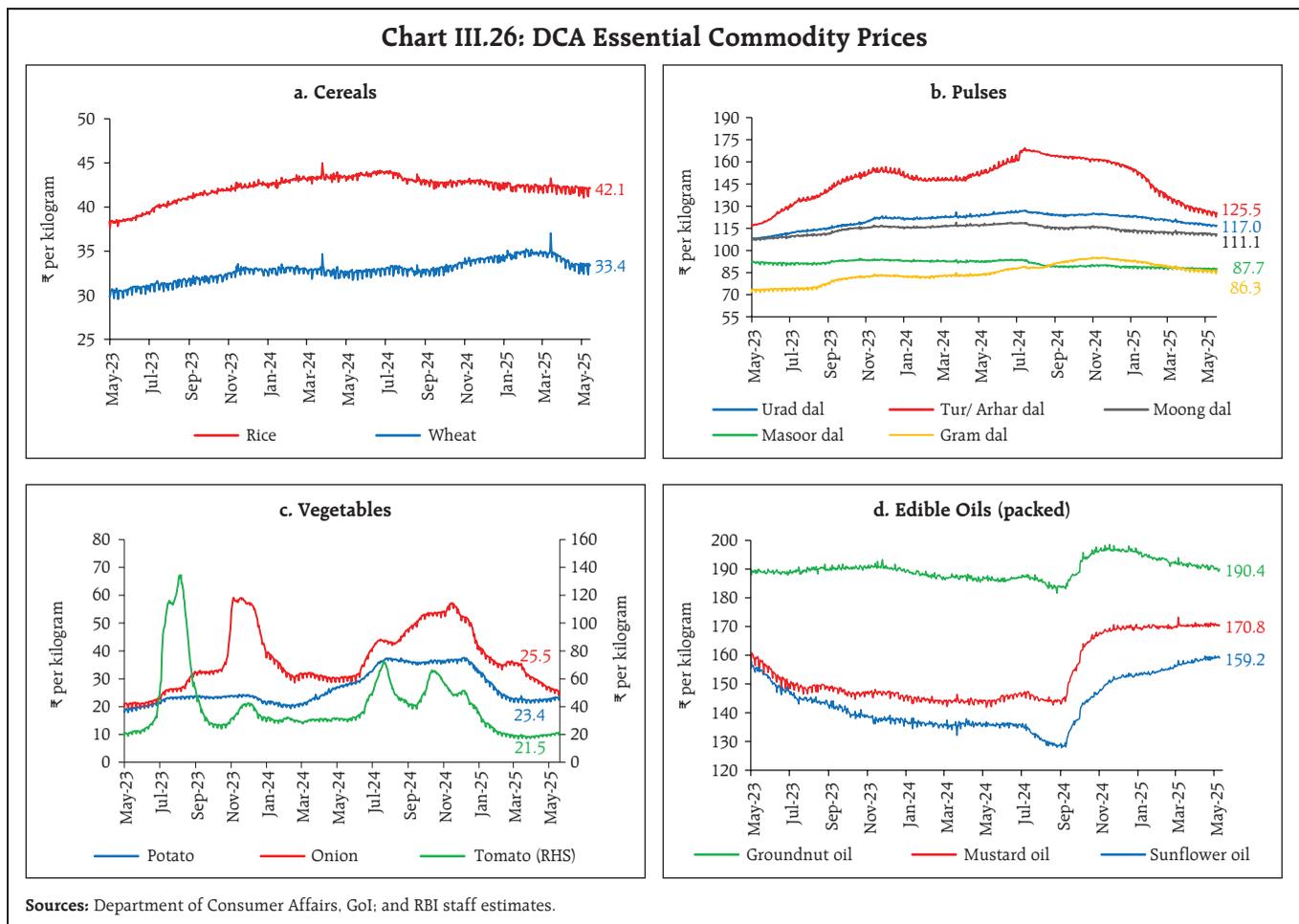
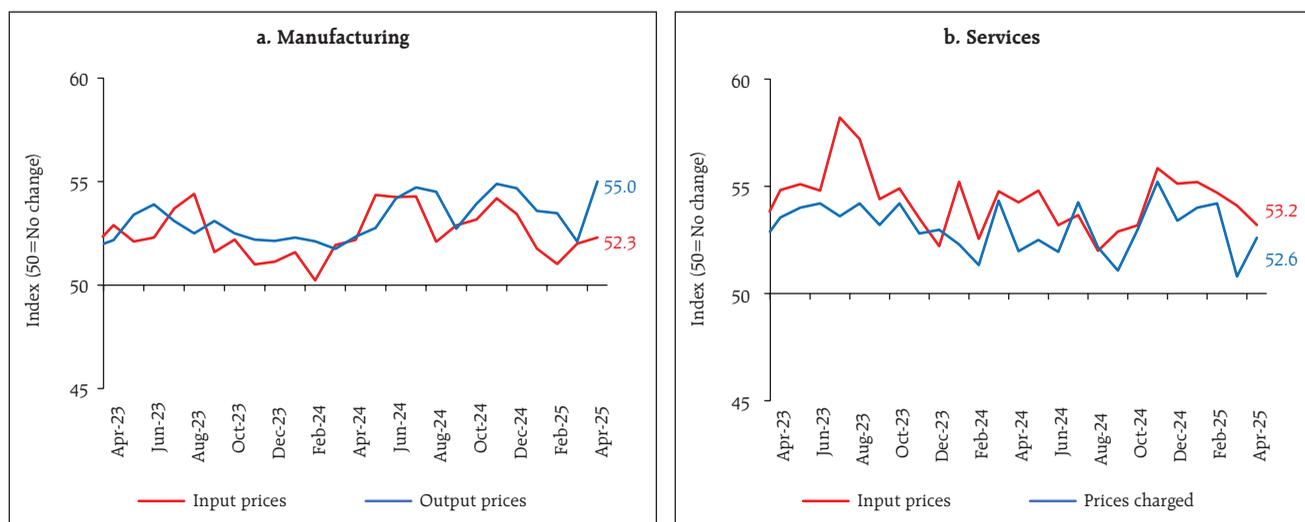


Chart III.27: PMI - Input and Output Prices



Note: A level of 50 corresponds to no change in activity and a reading above 50 denotes expansion and *vice versa*.

Source: S&P.

prices declined substantially, while LPG prices remained unchanged in May following the hike in April (Table III.3).

The PMIs for April 2025 recorded an uptick in the rate of expansion of input prices pressures across manufacturing, while it decelerated in services. Selling prices, on the other hand, accelerated across both manufacturing and services firms in April (Chart III.27).

Table III.3: Petroleum Products Prices

Item	Unit	Domestic Prices			Month-over-month (per cent)	
		May-24	Apr-25	May-25 [^]	Apr-25	May-25 [^]
Petrol	₹/litre	101.02	101.02	101.04	0.0	0.0
Diesel	₹/litre	90.48	90.48	90.49	0.0	0.0
Kerosene (subsidised)	₹/litre	50.03	46.56	41.51	0.7	-10.9
LPG (non-subsidised)	₹/cylinder	813.25	863.25	863.25	6.1	0.0

[^]: For the period May 1-19, 2025.

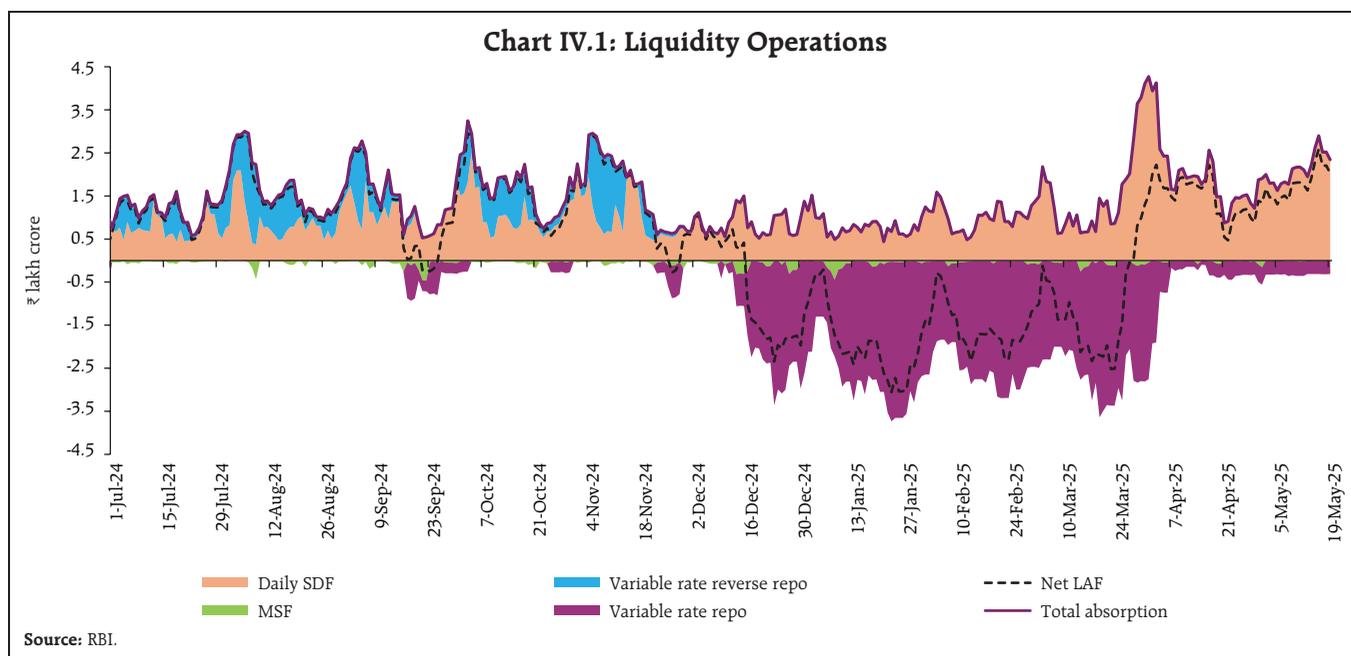
Note: Other than kerosene, prices represent the average Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) prices in four major metros (Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai). For kerosene, prices denote the average of the subsidised prices in Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai.

Sources: IOCL; Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC); and RBI staff estimates.

IV. Financial Conditions

System liquidity surplus persisted in April and May (up to May 19, 2025), supported by the Reserve Bank's proactive liquidity management measures. However, the build-up of government cash balances – driven by advance tax payments and GST outflows – and an increase in currency in circulation (CiC) exerted some pressure on liquidity conditions in the second half of April.

The Reserve Bank injected a cumulative amount of ₹1.68 lakh crore into the banking system through one main 14-days variable rate repo (VRR) and twenty-one fine-tuning VRR operations with maturities ranging from 1 to 4 days during April 16 to May 19, 2025. Reflecting these developments, the average daily net absorption under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) stood at ₹1.52 lakh crore during April 16 to May 19, 2025, markedly higher than ₹0.26 lakh crore recorded during March 16 to April 15, 2025 (Chart IV.1). With liquidity conditions remaining easy, recourse to the marginal standing facility (MSF) averaged at ₹0.02 lakh crore during April 16 to May 19, 2025, marginally lower than ₹0.04 lakh crore



during March 16 to April 15. Average deployment in the standing deposit facility (SDF) stood at ₹1.86 lakh crore during April 16 to May 19, 2025, lower than ₹2.13 lakh crore during March 16 to April 15.

In the current financial year (up to May 19, 2025), the Reserve Bank has infused liquidity to the tune of ₹2.65 lakh crore through purchases under

open market operation (OMO) and a 43-day term VRR auction (Table IV.1).

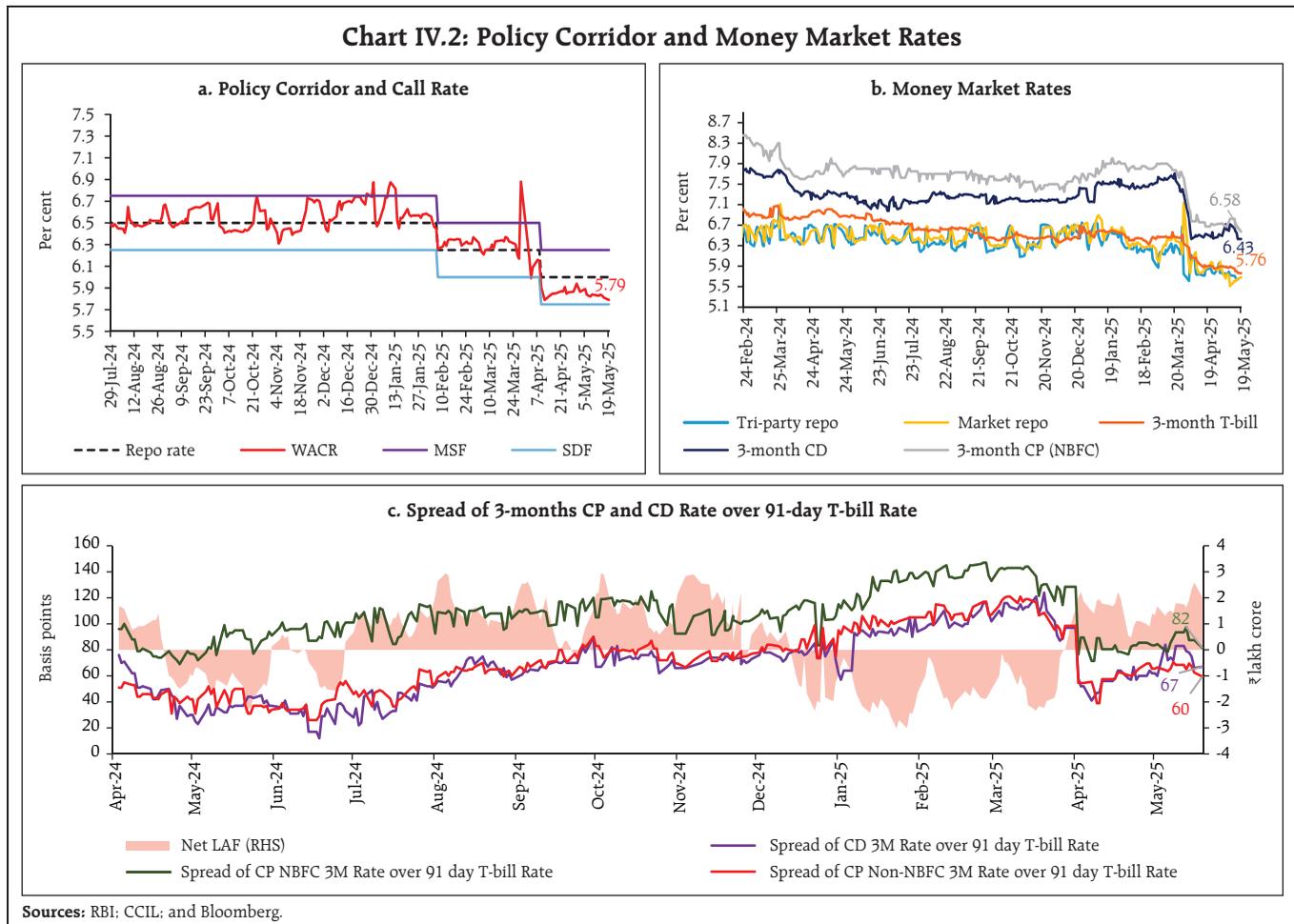
The weighted average call rate (WACR) – the operating target of monetary policy – moderated further following the repo rate cuts in February and April but remained within the policy corridor. The spread of the WACR over the policy repo rate averaged (-) 15 bps during April 16 to May 19, 2025,

Table IV.1: Durable Liquidity Measures since April 2025

(Amount in ₹ crore)

Measure	Auction Date	Description	Bid Cover ratio	Liquidity injected
OMO Purchase auctions	April 3, 2025	Notified Amount: 20,000	4.04	20,000
	April 8, 2025	Notified Amount: 20,000	3.51	20,000
	April 17, 2025	Notified Amount: 40,000	2.03	40,000
	April 22, 2025	Notified Amount: 20,000	3.05	20,000
	April 29, 2025	Notified Amount: 20,000	1.96	20,000
	May 6, 2025	Notified Amount: 50,000	2.65	50,000
	May 9, 2025	Notified Amount: 25,000	3.07	25,000
	May 15, 2025	Notified Amount: 25,000	2.85	25,000
	May 19, 2025	Notified Amount: 25,000	2.01	19,203
Term Repo Auctions	April 17, 2025	43-day VRR auction Notified Amount: 1,50,000	0.17	25,731
			Total	2,64,934

Source: RBI.



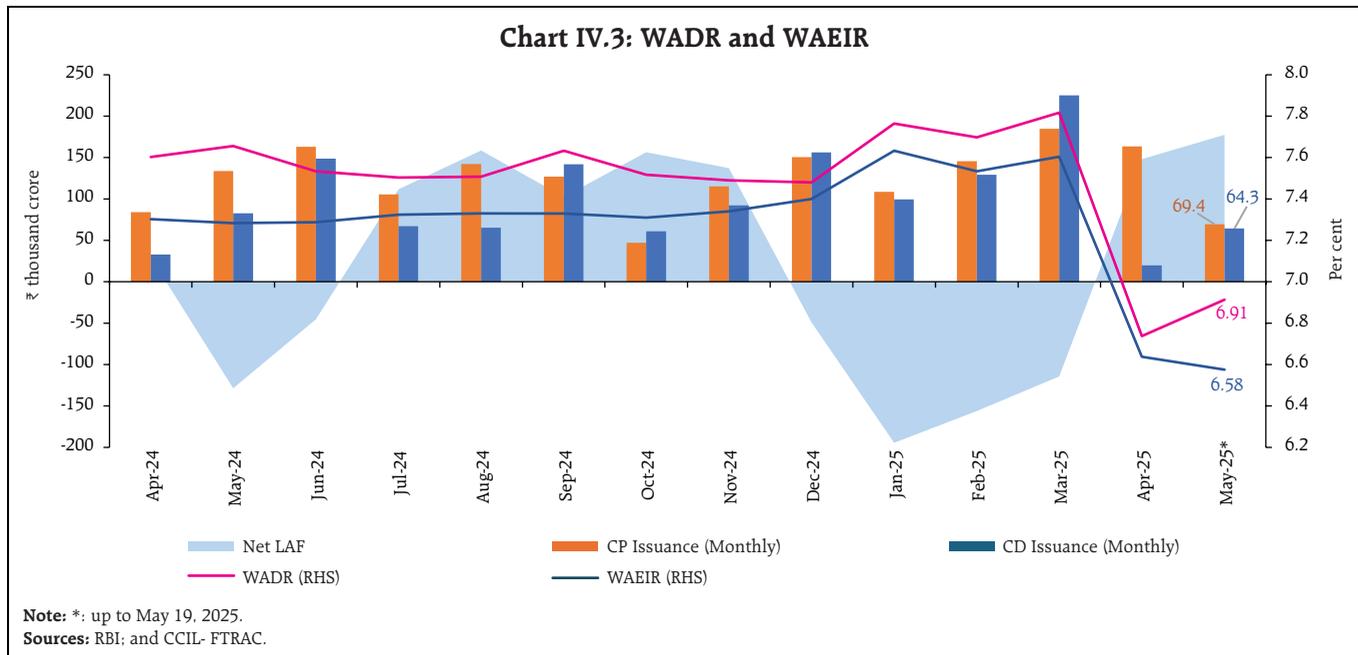
as against no deviation (0 bps) during March 16 to April 15, 2025 (Chart IV.2a). Overnight rates in the collateralised segments, the triparty repo and market repo, moved in tandem with the WACR.

Concomitantly, interest rates declined in the term money market, with yields on 3-month Treasury Bills (T-bills), Certificates of Deposit (CDs), and 3-month Commercial Papers (CPs) issued by non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) moderating during mid-April to May (up to May 19, 2025), compared to the previous period (Chart IV.2b). The average risk premium in the money market – measured as the spread between 3-month CP and 91-day T-bill yields – narrowed significantly to 85 bps during this period from 106 bps in the preceding period, indicating

improved funding conditions and lower credit risk in the short-term money market (Chart IV.2c).

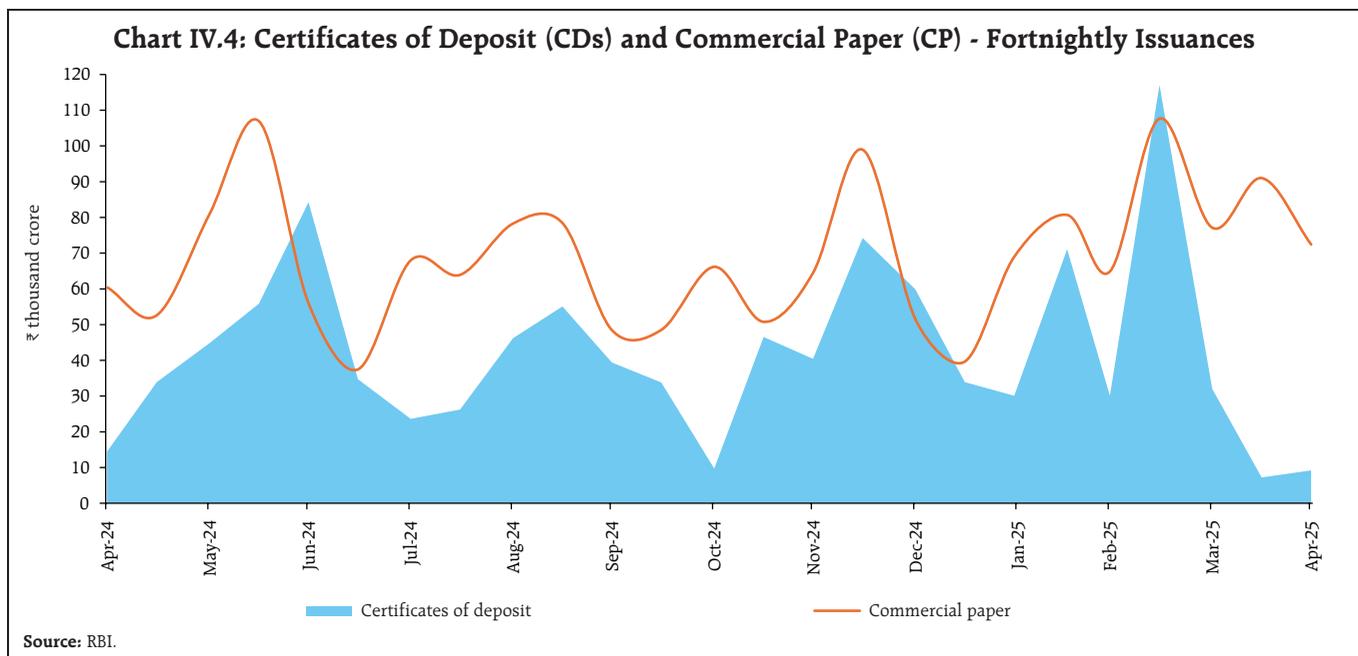
During April 16 to May 19, 2025, the weighted average discount rate (WADR) of CPs and weighted average effective interest rate (WAEIR) of CDs remained lower by 77 bps and 73 bps, respectively, than their levels recorded a year ago (Chart IV.3).

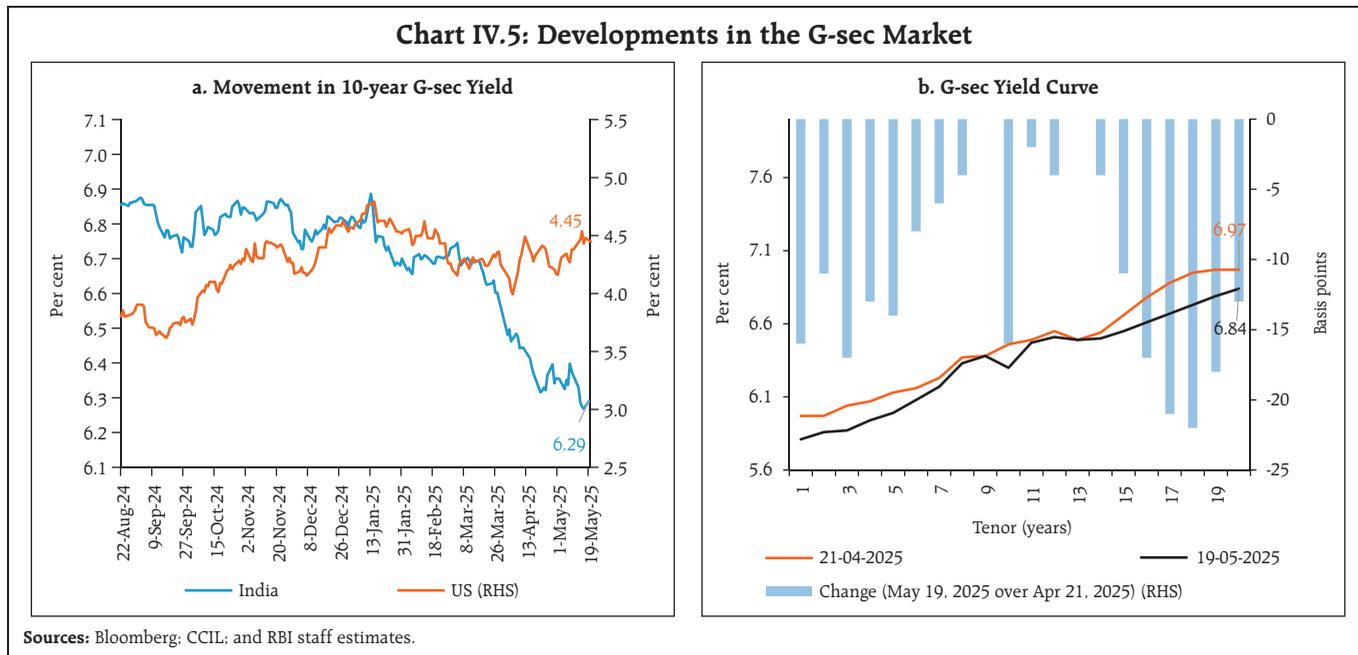
In the primary market, issuances of CDs grew around 5 per cent (y-o-y) to ₹0.48 lakh crore during 2025-26 (up to May 2, 2025) amidst persisting but narrowing wedge between credit and deposit growth. Similarly, CP issuances at ₹1.18 lakh crore were higher by 59 per cent (y-o-y) during 2025-26 (up to May 15) as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year (Chart IV.4).



In the fixed income segment, bond yields traded with a soft bias relative to the preceding month, on account of OMO purchases, fall in crude oil prices, and moderation in CPI inflation. The yield on the 10-year G-sec benchmark declined to 6.29 per cent on May 19, 2025 from 6.41 per cent on April 15, 2025 (Chart IV.5a). The domestic yield curve has generally

shifted downwards with relatively larger decrease in yields across the short and long end of the curve across the term structure (Chart IV.5b). Between April 16 and May 19, 2025, the average term spread (10-year G-sec yield *minus* 91-day T-bills yield) increased by 18 bps over the period March 16 to April 15, 2025.





The spread of 10-year Indian G-sec yield over 10-year US bond narrowed to 184 bps as on May 19, 2025 from 314 bps in mid-September and 267 bps a year ago. The spread which fell sharply during April 4 –11, 2025, due to heightened market volatility from uncertainty over the US tariff policy, subsequently stabilised, though it exhibited a gradual declining trend. Volatility of yields in

India remained low relative to the US treasuries (Chart IV.6).

Corporate bond issuances surged to ₹9.94 lakh crore during 2024-25, a rise of 16.1 per cent compared to the previous year. Corporate bond yields eased while the corresponding risk premia generally increased during the second half of April till May 16, 2025 (Table IV.2).

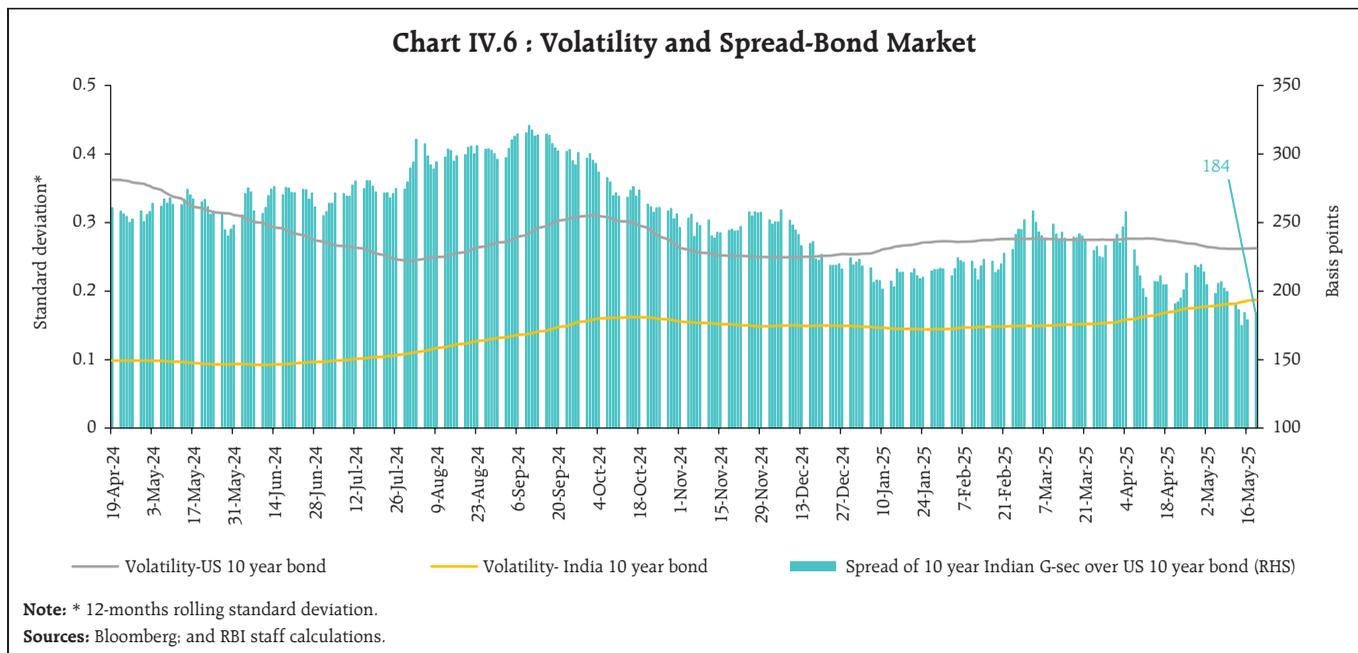


Table IV.2: Financial Markets - Rates and Spread

Instrument	Interest Rates (per cent)			Spread (bps)		
				(Over Corresponding Risk-free Rate)		
	Mar 16, 2025 – Apr 15, 2025	Apr 16, 2025 – May 16, 2025	Variation	Mar 16, 2025 – Apr 15, 2025	Apr 16, 2025 – May 16, 2025	Variation
1	2	3	(4 = 3-2)	5	6	(7 = 6-5)
Corporate Bonds						
(i) AAA (1-year)	7.43	6.96	-47	99	98	-1
(ii) AAA (3-year)	7.44	7.13	-31	94	103	9
(iii) AAA (5-year)	7.42	7.21	-21	86	101	15
(iv) AA (3-year)	8.27	7.98	-29	177	187	10
(v) BBB- (3-year)	11.93	11.63	-30	543	550	7

Note: Yields and spreads are computed as averages for the respective periods.

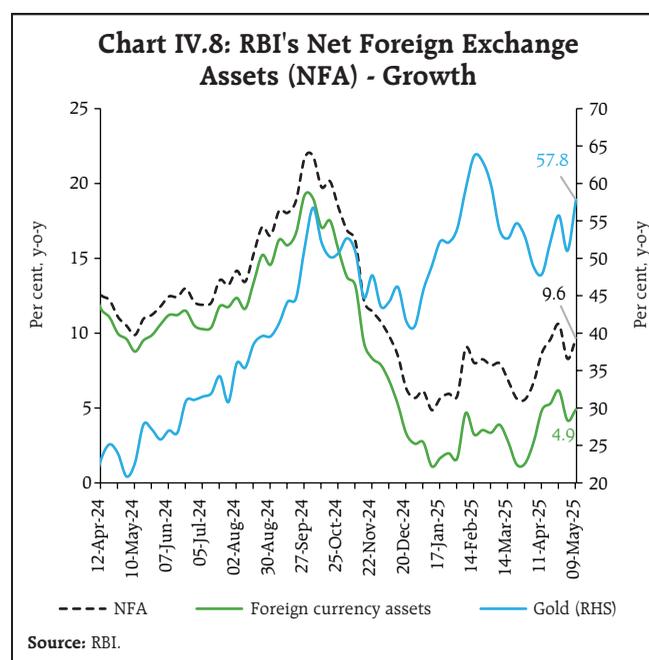
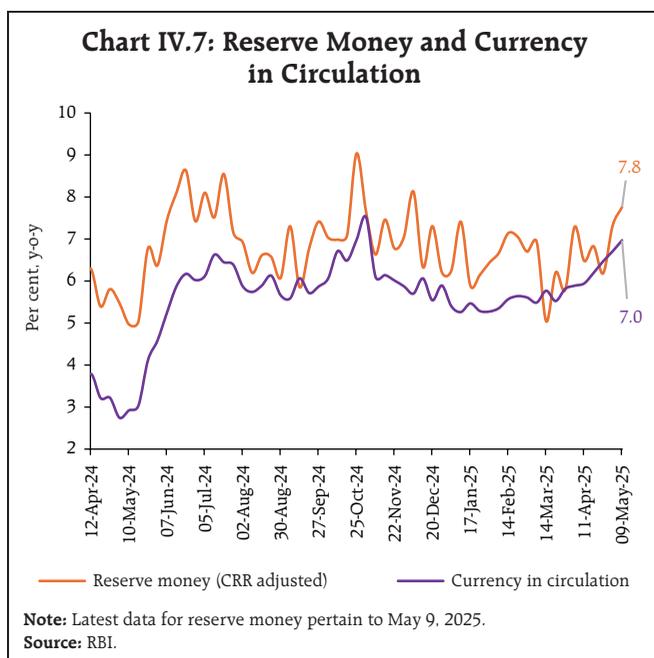
Sources: FIMMDA; and Bloomberg.

Reserve money (RM), adjusted for the first-round impact of change in the cash reserve ratio (CRR), recorded a growth of 7.8 per cent (y-o-y) as on May 9, 2025 (5.0 per cent a year ago) [Chart IV.7]. Growth in currency in circulation (CiC), the largest component of RM, stood at 7.0 per cent (y-o-y) as compared with 2.9 per cent a year ago.

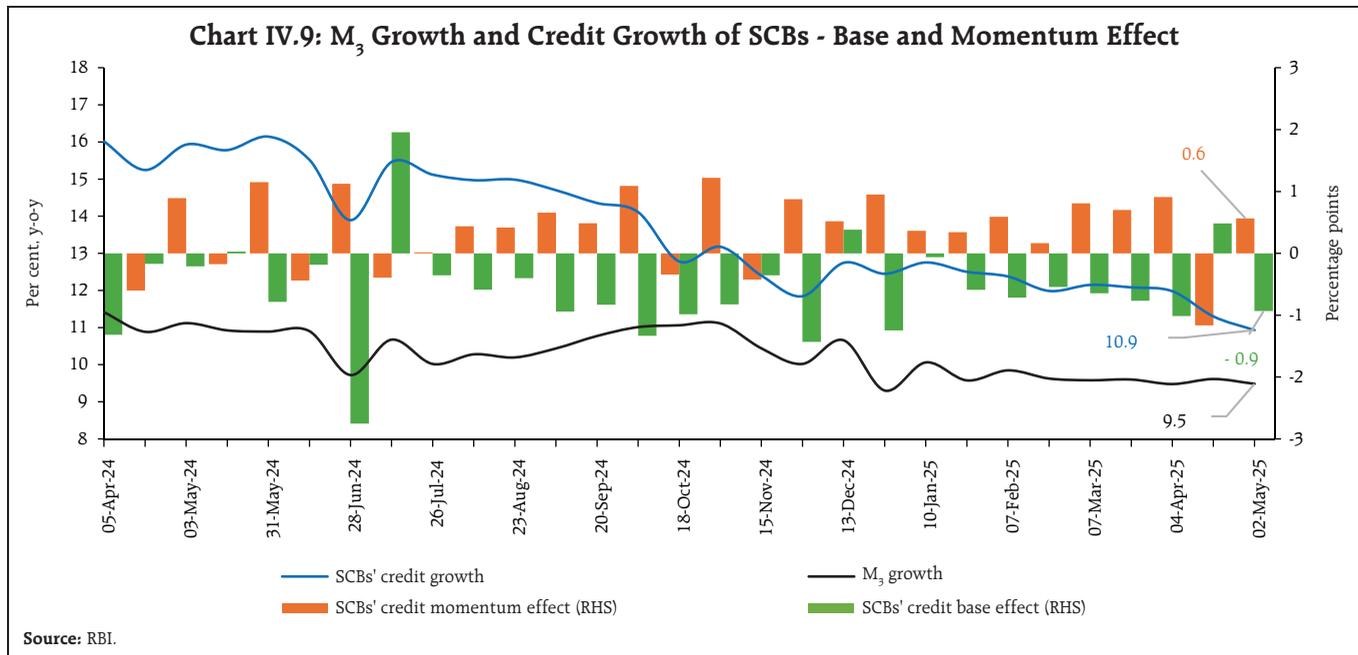
On the sources side (assets), RM comprises net domestic assets (NDA) and net foreign assets (NFA) of the Reserve Bank. Growth in foreign currency

assets accelerated to 4.9 per cent (y-o-y) as on May 9, 2025 (Chart IV.8). Gold – the other major component of NFA – grew by 57.8 per cent, mainly due to revaluation gains on gold prices, leading to a steady rise in its share in NFA from 8.3 per cent as of end-March 2024 to 12.9 per cent as of May 9, 2025.

As on May 2, 2025, money supply (M_3) rose by 9.5 per cent (y-o-y) [11.1 per cent a year ago]²⁴. Aggregate deposits with banks, accounting for around 86 per



²⁴ Excluding the impact of the merger of a non-bank with a bank (with effect from July 1, 2023).

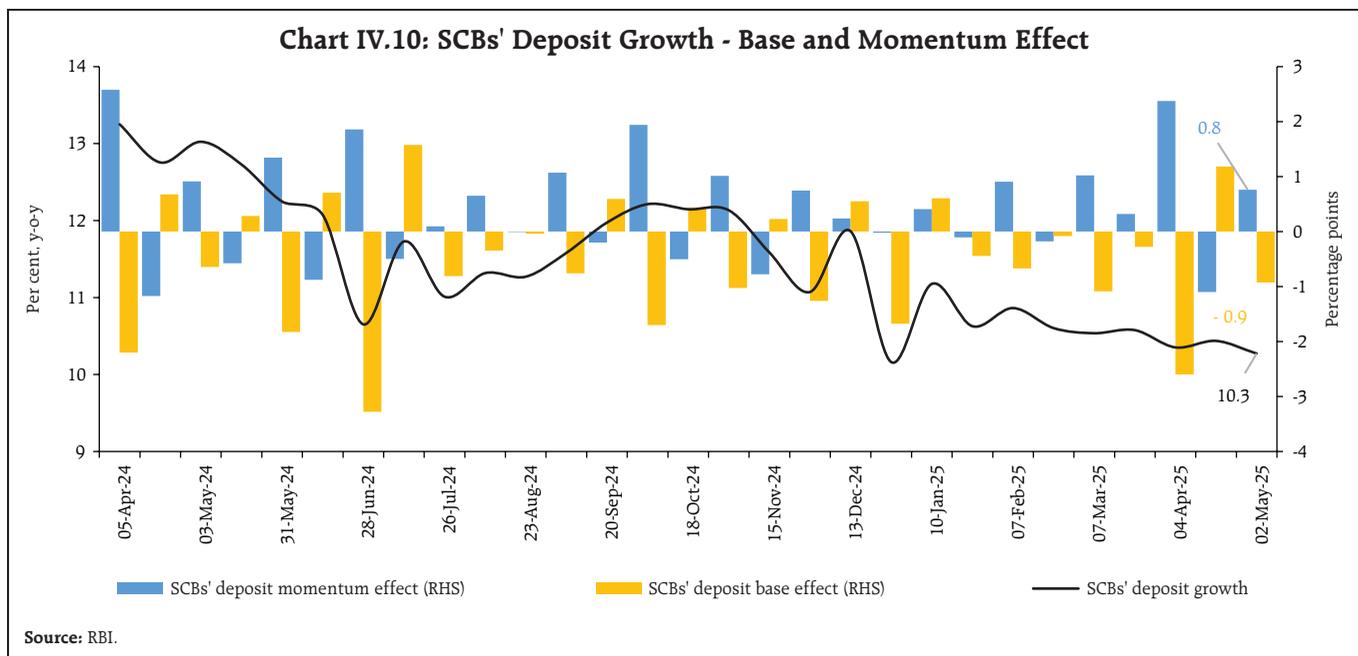


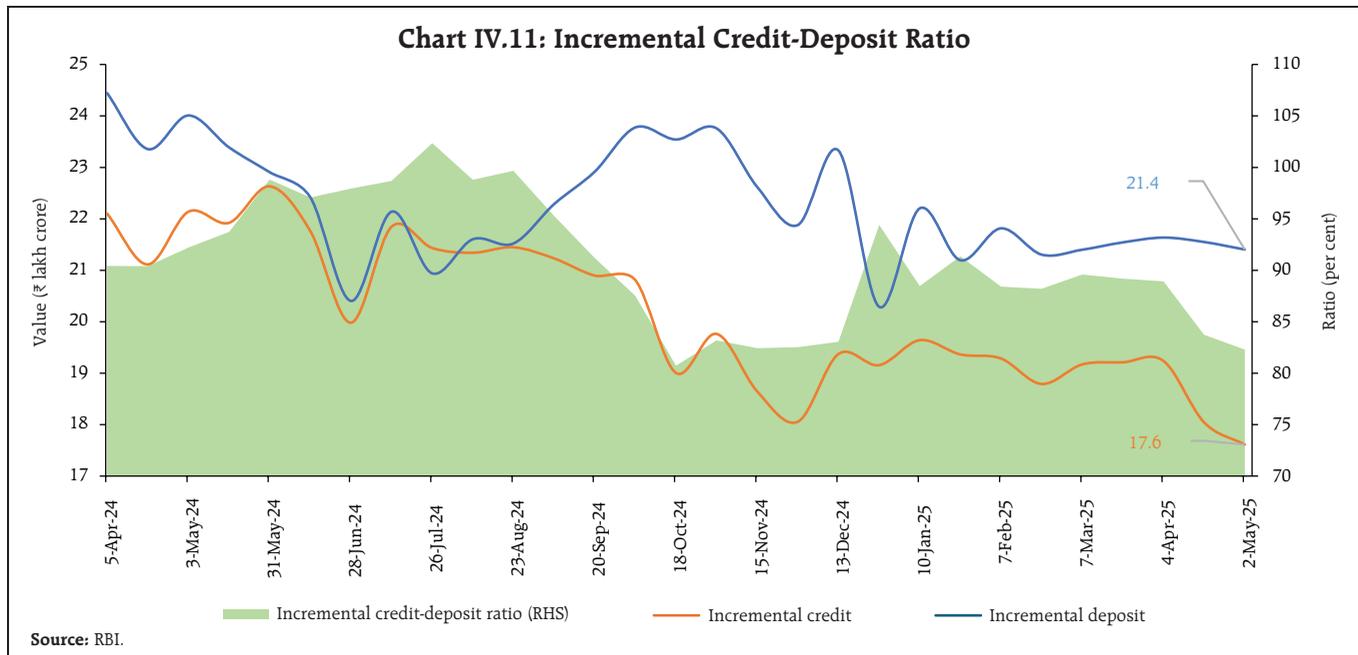
cent of M₃, increased by 9.8 per cent (12.5 per cent a year ago). Scheduled commercial banks' (SCBs') credit growth moderated to 10.9 per cent as on May 2, 2025 (15.9 per cent a year ago) due to weaker momentum effect and unfavourable base effect (Chart IV.9).

SCBs' deposit growth (excluding the impact of the merger) decelerated from 10.6 per cent as on

March 21, 2025 to 10.3 per cent as on May 2, 2025, with the base and momentum effect offsetting each other (Chart IV.10).

SCBs' incremental credit-deposit ratio declined during the previous two months to 82.3 per cent as on May 2, 2025, with deposit accretion outpacing that of credit during this period (Chart IV.11).

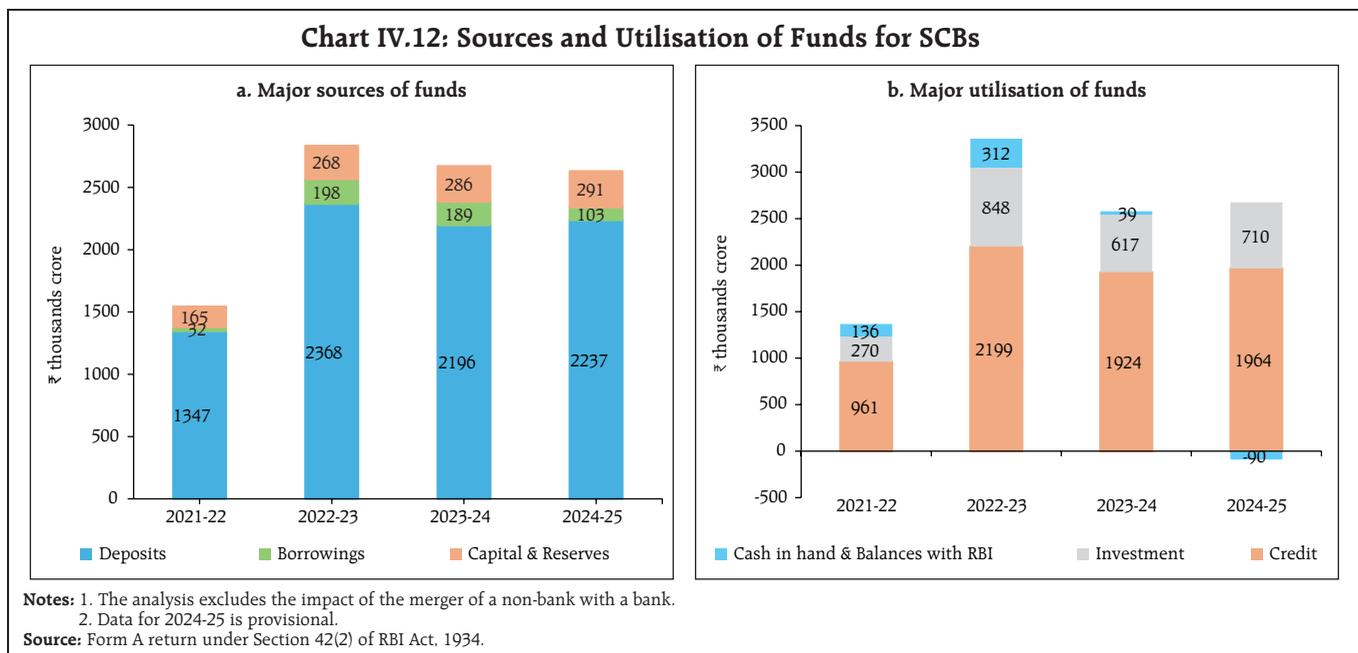


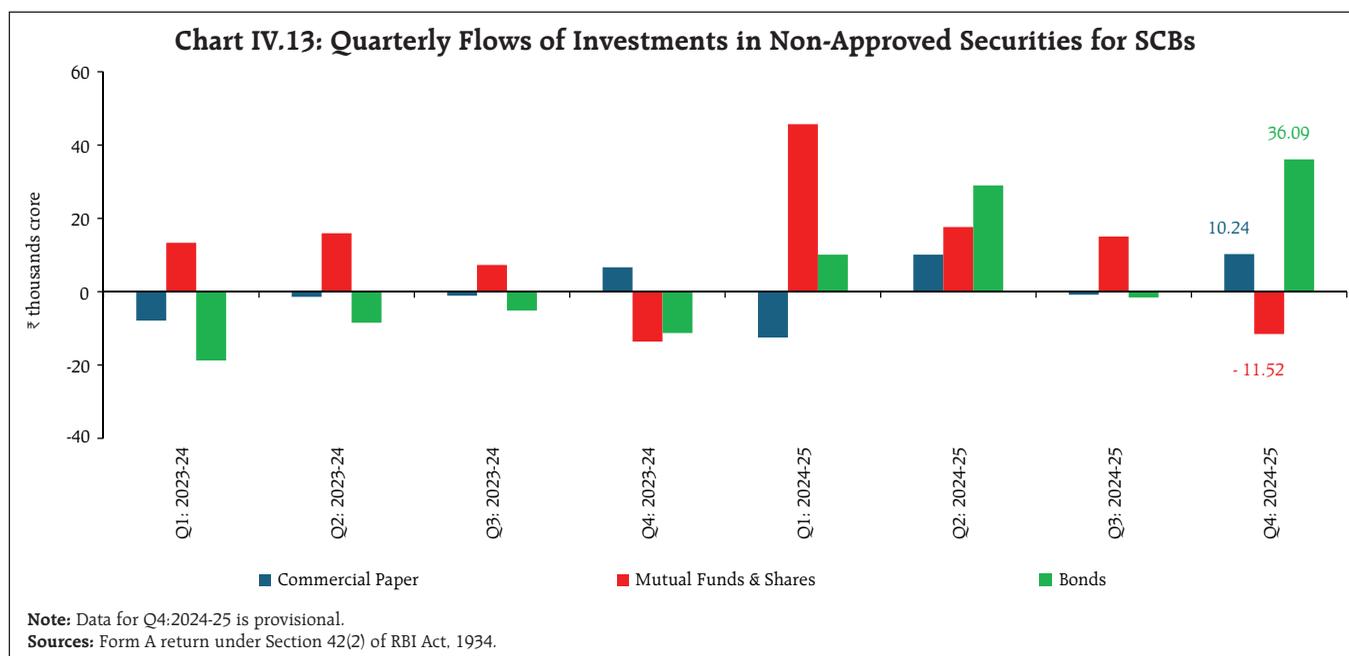


In the fiscal year 2024-25, SCBs primarily relied on deposits for funding, while their reliance on borrowings declined (Chart IV.12a). Majority of the funds raised by SCBs were primarily utilised to extend credit followed by investment, while their cash holdings (cash in hand) and balances with the RBI registered a decline – the latter due to a reduction

in the cash reserve ratio from 4.5 per cent to 4.0 per cent in December 2024 (Chart IV.12b).

During Q4:2024-25, SCB's net holdings of non-approved securities (comprising CPs, units of mutual funds, shares, and bonds/debentures/security receipts, etc.) increased as compared to Q3:2024-25 (Chart IV.13). SCBs experienced a net inflow in CPs





and bonds/debentures/security receipts but a net outflow in mutual funds.

In response to the 50-bps cut in the policy repo rate since February 2025, most of the banks have reduced their repo-linked external benchmark based lending rates (EBLRs) and marginal cost of funds-based lending rate (MCLR). Consequently, the weighted average lending rate (WALR) on outstanding rupee loans of SCBs declined by 10 bps; however, it has increased for fresh loans by 3 bps

during February and March 2025 (Table IV.3). On the deposit side, the weighted average domestic term deposit rates (WADTDRs) on fresh and outstanding deposits increased by 8 bps and 1 bp, respectively, during the same period.

The decline in WALR of outstanding loans was broad-based covering public sector banks (PSBs), private banks (PVBs) and foreign banks (FBs). The increase in WALR on fresh rupee loans, however, was on account of PSBs and PVBs (Chart IV.14).

Table IV.3: Transmission to Banks' Deposit and Lending Rates

(Variation in bps)

Period	Repo Rate	Term Deposit Rates		Lending Rates			
		WADTDR-Fresh Deposits	WADTDR-Outstanding Deposits	EBLR	1-Yr. MCLR (Median)	WALR - Fresh Rupee Loans	WALR-Outstanding Rupee Loans
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Easing Phase Feb 2025 to Apr* 2025	-50	8	1	-50	0	3	-10
Tightening Period May 2022 to Jan 2025	+250	253	199	250	178	181	115

Notes: Data on EBLR pertain to 32 domestic banks.

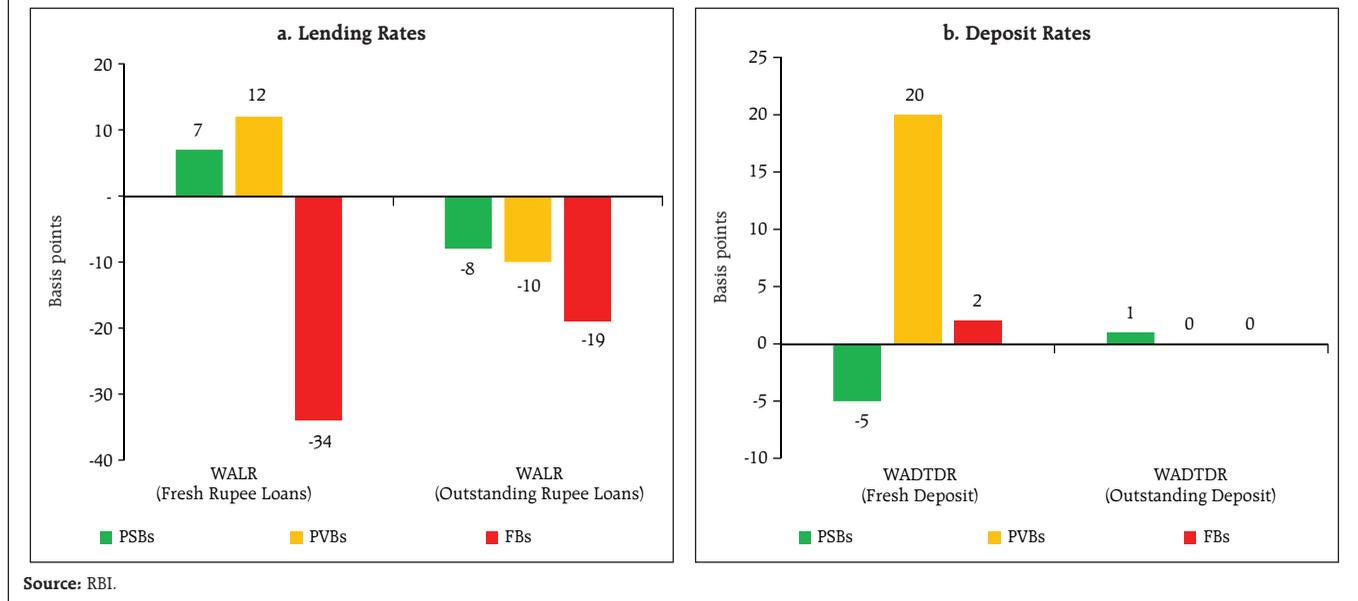
*: Data on WADTDR and WALR pertain to March 2025.

WALR: Weighted Average Lending Rate; **WADTDR:** Weighted Average Domestic Term Deposit Rate;

MCLR: Marginal Cost of Funds-based Lending Rate; **EBLR:** External Benchmark-based Lending Rate.

Source: RBI.

Chart IV.14: Transmission across Bank Groups (February 2025 - March 2025)



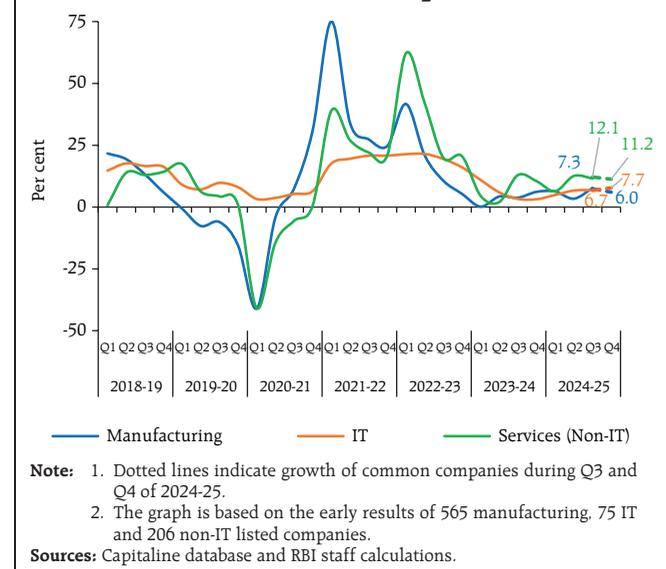
Based on the early results of listed non-government non-financial companies²⁵, sales growth moderated to 6.4 per cent (y-o-y) during Q4:2024-25, down from 7.7 per cent in the previous quarter. Amid sluggish demand conditions, sales growth of listed private manufacturing companies moderated to 6.0 per cent (y-o-y) during Q4:2024-25 from 7.3 per cent during the previous quarter. Subdued performance of manufacturing companies was primarily due to weak financials of petroleum industry, which has a high share in early results. Excluding petroleum, sales growth for the manufacturing sector stood at 9.7 per cent during Q4:2024-25.

Despite macroeconomic and global uncertainties, sales growth of IT companies improved further to 7.7 per cent during Q4:2024-25 from 6.7 per cent in the previous quarter. In contrast, sales growth of early reporting non-IT services companies moderated further to 11.2 per cent during Q4:2024-25 from 12.1 per cent in the previous quarter (Chart IV.15).

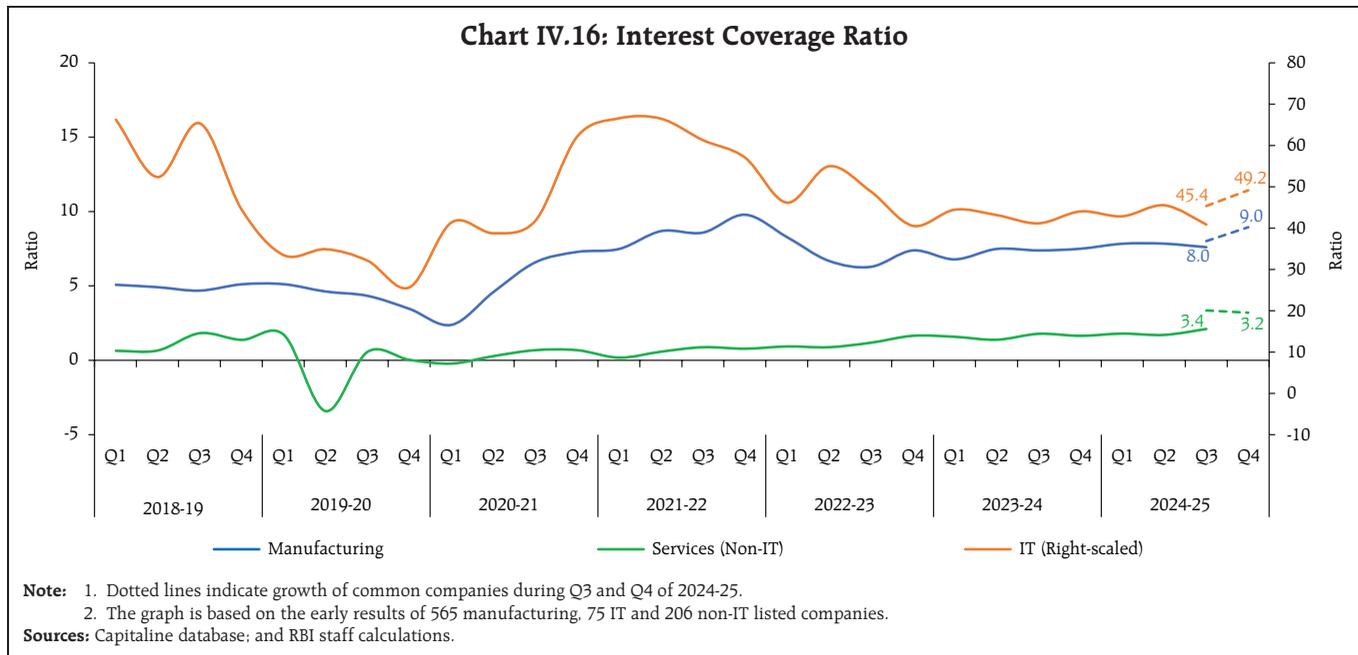
Debt serviceability, as measured by interest coverage ratio (ICR), for the manufacturing

companies improved to 9.0 during Q4:2024-25 from 8.0 in the previous quarter due to a sequential rise in profits along with decline in interest expenses. The ICR of non-IT services companies deteriorated during Q4 but remained above unity since Q2:2022-23, indicating continued ability to service interest payments (Chart IV.16).

Chart IV.15: Nominal Sales Growth (Non-Financial Companies)

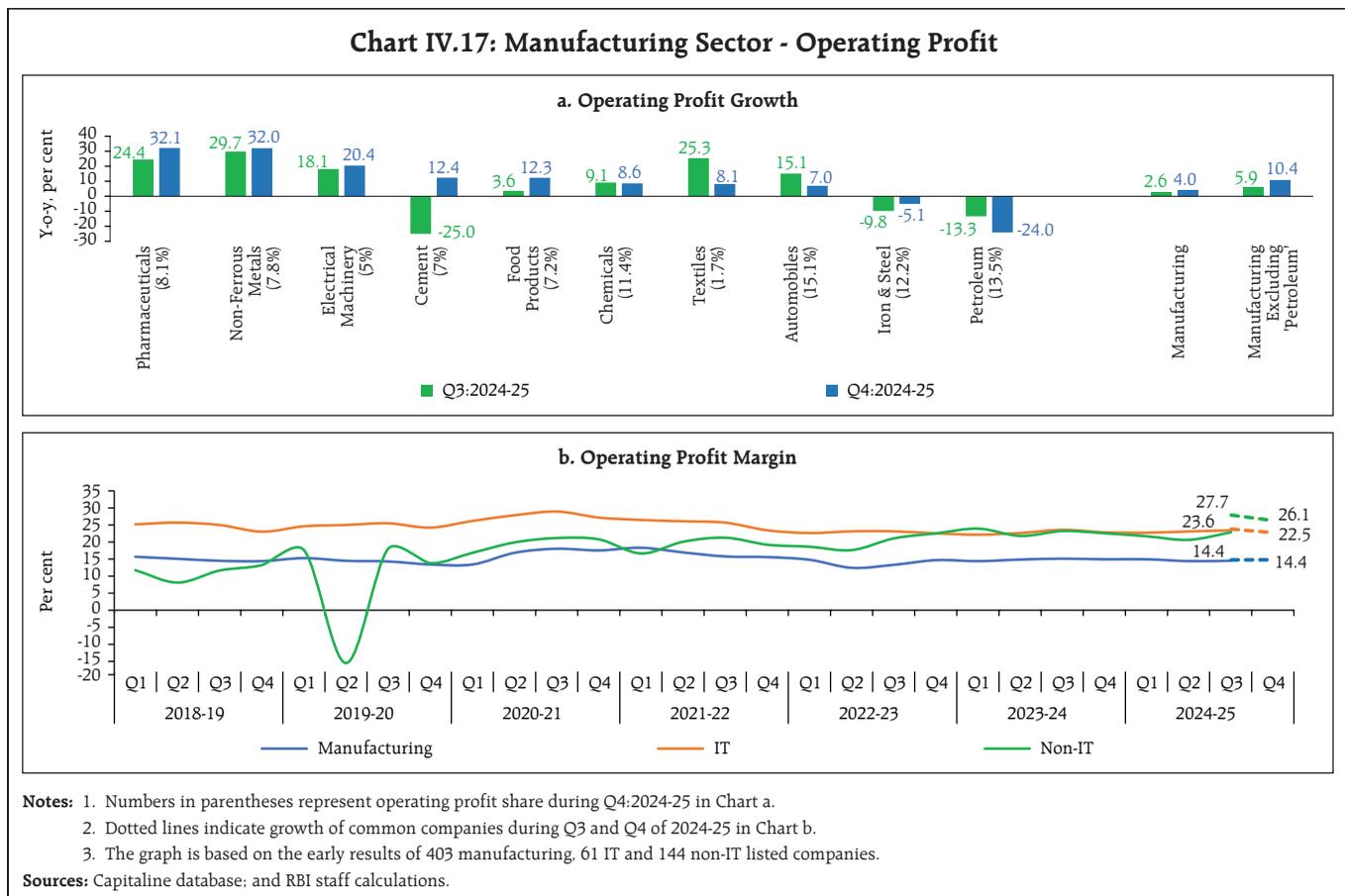


²⁵ Based on 916 listed non-government non-financial (NGNF) early-reporting companies.



Despite rising input costs, staff costs and other expenses, operating profit of manufacturing companies rose by 4.0 per cent during Q4:2024-

25. Among the major industries, petroleum, iron and steel industries recorded contraction in the operating profit on year-on-year basis (Chart IV.17a).

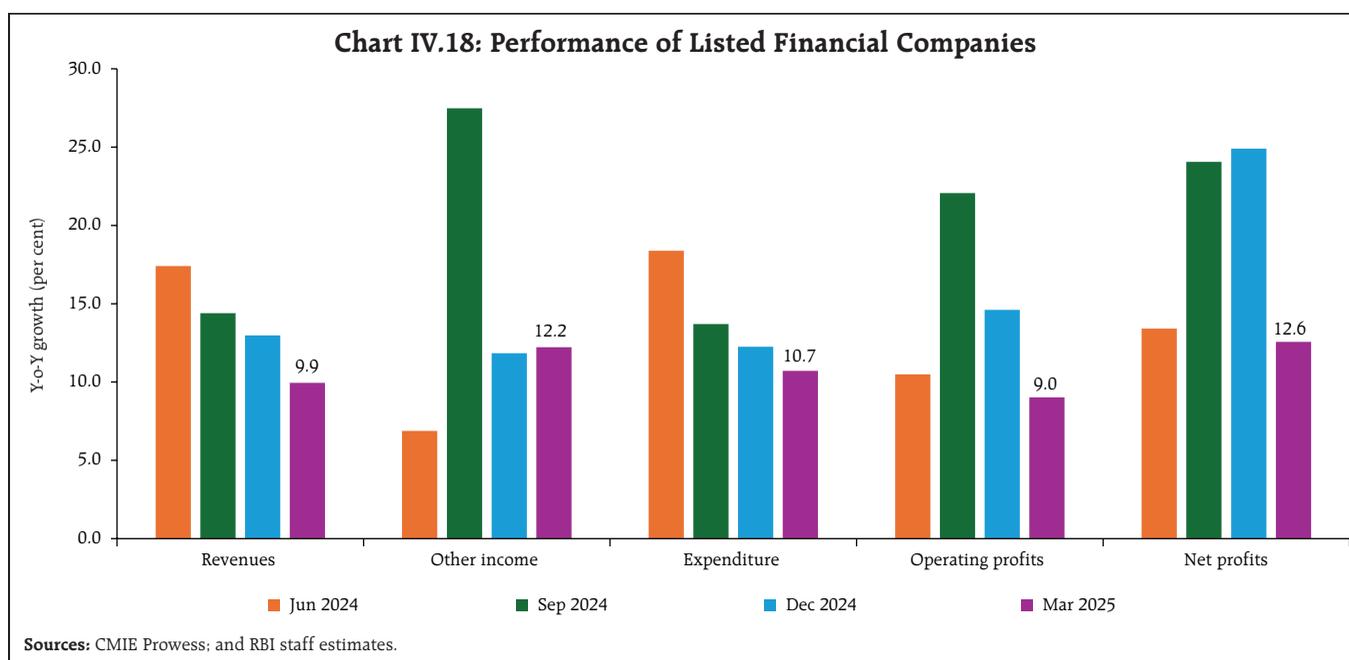


The operating profit margin remained stable during Q4 from previous quarter. Within the services sector, operating profit margins moderated sequentially for both IT and non-IT service sector companies during Q4 (Chart IV.17b).

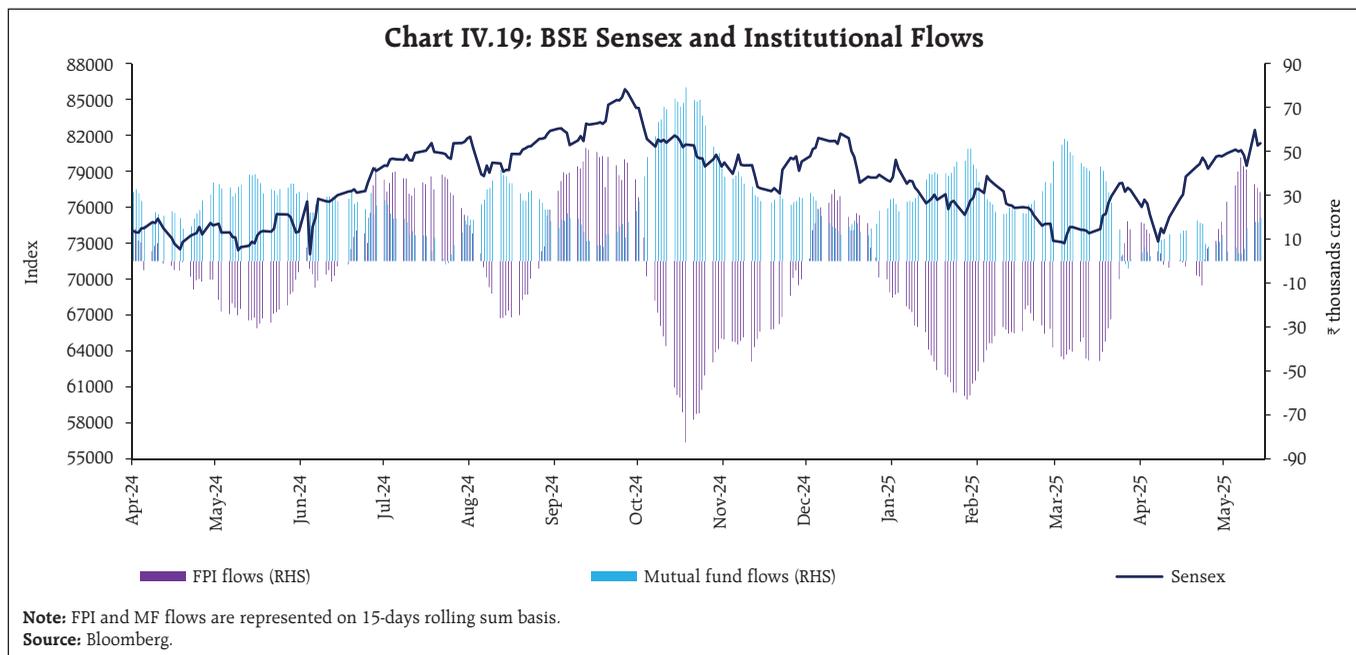
During Q4:2024-25, the Indian listed banking and financial sector companies²⁶ exhibited robust bottom-line growth despite a moderation in top-line growth (Chart IV.18). Revenues, which primarily include interest income in case of banks registered strong growth, *albeit* with some moderation over the previous quarter, indicating sustained credit demand. Other income, including income from fees/commissions, profit and loss from sale of investments, etc., exhibited a double-digit growth during the quarter. Expenditure growth was moderately higher than top-line growth amidst a double-digit growth in interest expenses. However, a moderation in provisioning costs and an improvement in asset quality resulted in higher growth in net profits as compared to operating profits.

After declining in the first half of April amidst tariff announcements by the US, the equity market recovered in the second half as tariff related concerns eased. Moreover, the ebullient sentiment was supported by a strong rally in financial sector stocks, following robust corporate earnings of some PVBs and moderation in domestic CPI inflation for March 2025. The markets continued their upward momentum amidst favorable cues from global equity markets. In early May, markets declined amidst escalation of tensions between India and Pakistan. Thereafter, however, markets rebounded amidst easing of concerns over India-Pakistan conflict and the release of softer-than-expected domestic inflation prints for April 2025. Overall, Indian equity markets registered gains during April-May 2025 with the BSE Sensex increasing by 6 per cent to close at 82,059 on May 19, 2025 (Chart IV.19).

The broader market indices outperformed the benchmark, with the BSE Midcap and BSE Smallcap indices gaining 8.7 per cent and 10.3 per cent, respectively, during April-May 2025 (up to May 19,



²⁶ Based on a sample of 143 companies constituting around 75 per cent of the total market capitalisation of listed banking and financial sector companies.



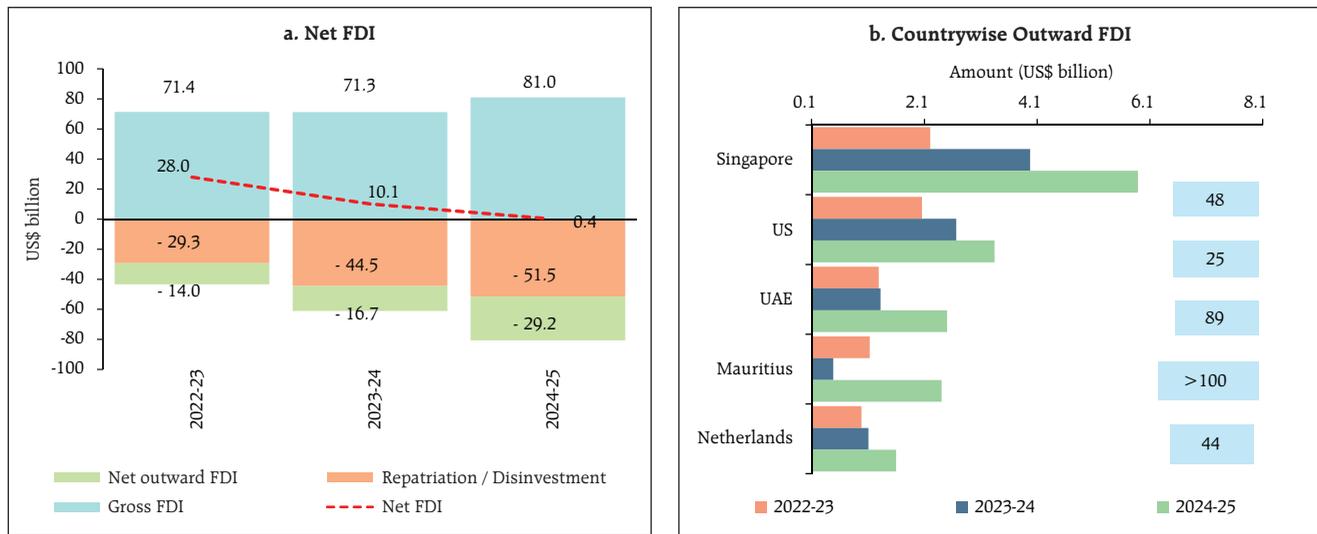
2025). Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) remained net buyers to the tune of ₹36,662 crore during April-May 16, 2025. Domestic institutional investors (DIIs), including mutual funds and insurance companies, played a stabilising role by capitalising on lower valuations and maintaining long-term investment strategies, remaining net buyers in the domestic equity markets to the tune of ₹48,312 crore during April-May 2025 so far.

Net foreign direct investment (FDI) moderated to US\$ 0.4 billion during 2024-25 from US\$ 10.1 billion a year ago, reflecting the rise in net outward FDI and repatriation FDI (Chart IV.20a). This is a sign of a mature market where foreign investors can enter and exit smoothly, which reflects positively on the Indian economy. Nonetheless, gross inward FDI witnessed a double-digit growth of 13.7 per cent and stood at US\$ 81 billion during 2024-25. Gross FDI inflows remain concentrated in manufacturing, financial services, electricity and other energy, and communication services sectors, with a share of more than 60 per cent. Singapore, Mauritius, the UAE, the Netherlands, and the US accounted for more

than 75 per cent of the flows during this period. In 2024-25, India's net outward FDI (OFDI) reached US\$ 29.2 billion, a growth of more than 75 per cent over the previous year. Singapore, the US, UAE, Mauritius and the Netherlands together accounted for more than half of the rise in OFDI; moreover, sector-wise analysis reveals that financial banking and insurance services, followed by manufacturing; and wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels accounted for more than 90 per cent of the rise of OFDI (Chart IV.20b).

Foreign portfolio investment (FPI) registered net outflows of US\$ 2.4 billion in April 2025 (Chart IV.21a). While equity FPI turned positive in the latter half of the month – supported by the 90-day pause in the US tariff implementation and growing optimism around a potential US-India trade agreement – overall FPI flows remained negative during April 2025. The UK and the European equities have led global gains year-to-date post 'Trump 2.0', while Indian equities performed well among emerging markets following the April market trough and recorded inflows (Chart IV.21b). In contrast, the debt segment recorded net

Chart IV.20: Foreign Direct Investment Flows



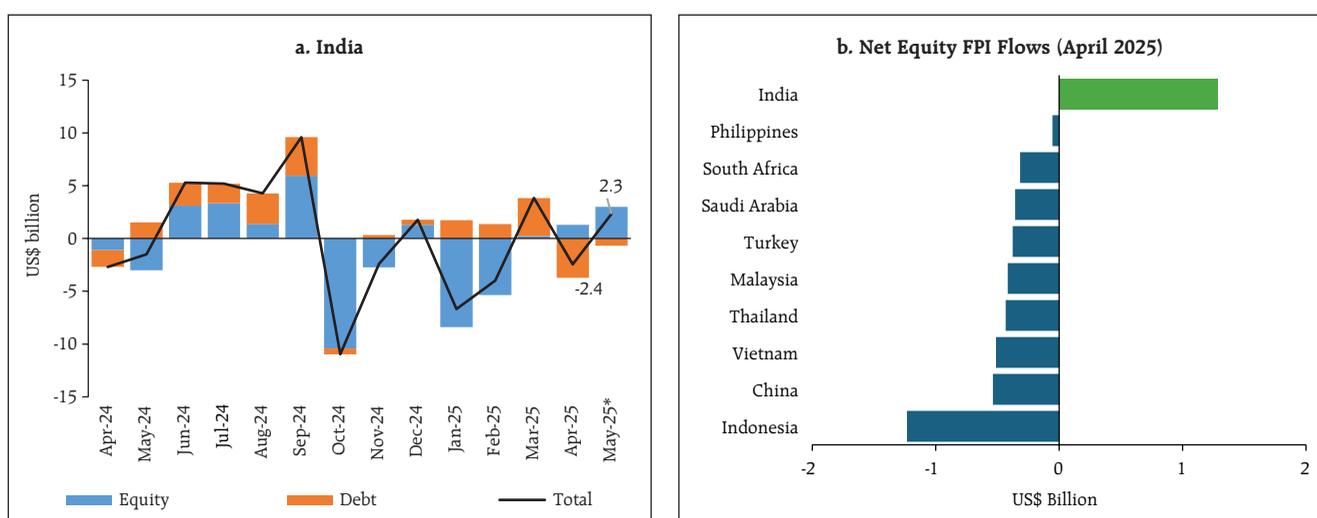
Note: In chart b, figures in boxes are the growth rates (y-o-y).
Source: RBI.

outflows of over US\$ 3.7 billion in April – the largest monthly outflow since March 2020. This was driven by diminished global risk appetite amid tariff-related volatility, a narrowing yield differential between Indian and US bonds, and a possible reallocation of foreign capital towards Indian equities.

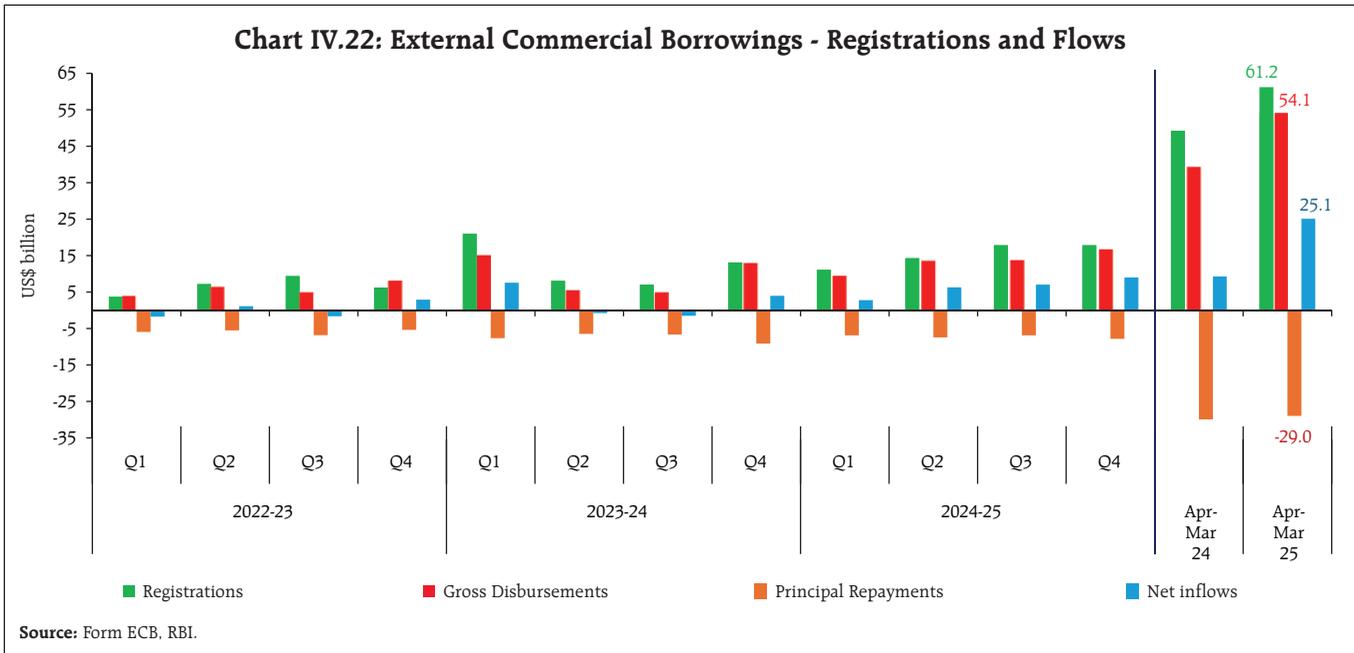
External commercial borrowing (ECB) registrations by Indian companies reached a

record high of US\$ 61.2 billion during 2024-25, a 24.3 per cent increase over the previous year. Both ECB registrations (US\$ 17.9 billion) and gross disbursements (US\$ 16.8 billion) were higher in Q4:2024-25 as compared with Q4:2023-24. During 2024-25, ECB gross disbursements stood at US\$ 54.1 billion. ECB outflows (US\$ 29.0 billion) on account of principal repayments of past contracts resulted in

Chart IV.21: Portfolio Investments



Note: Debt also includes investments under the hybrid instruments. *; Data up to May 19.
Sources: National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL); and Institute of International Finance.

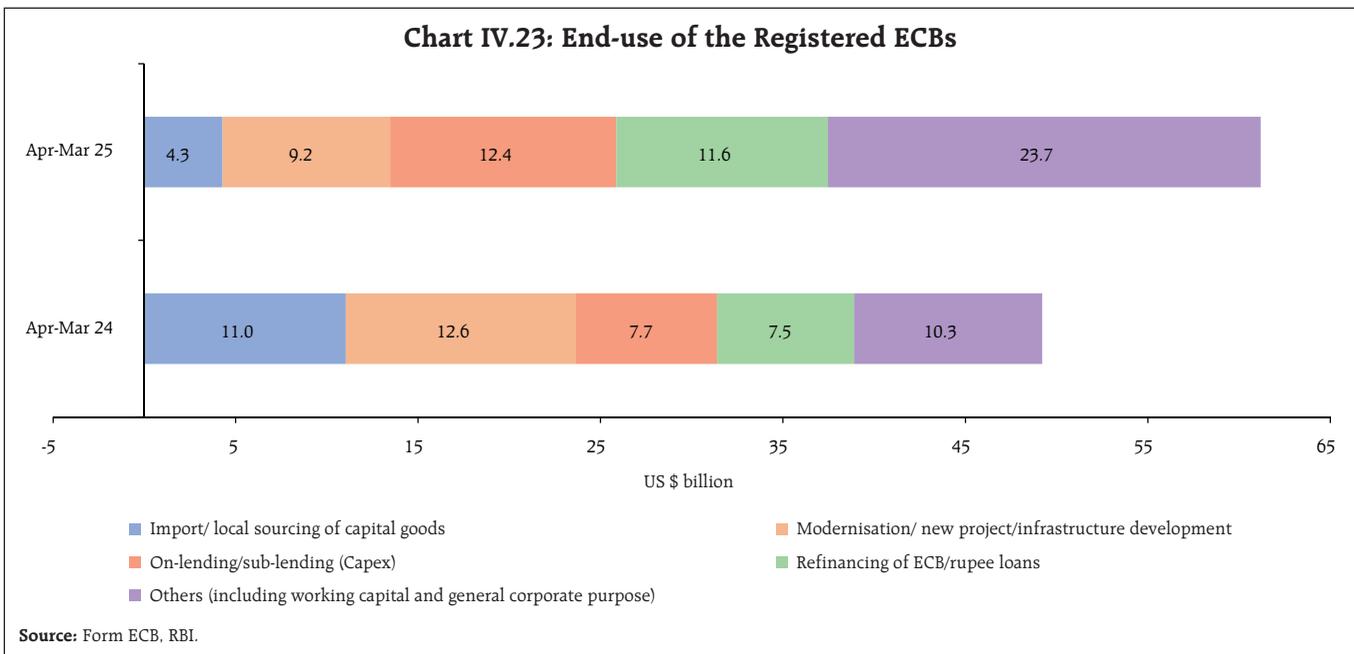


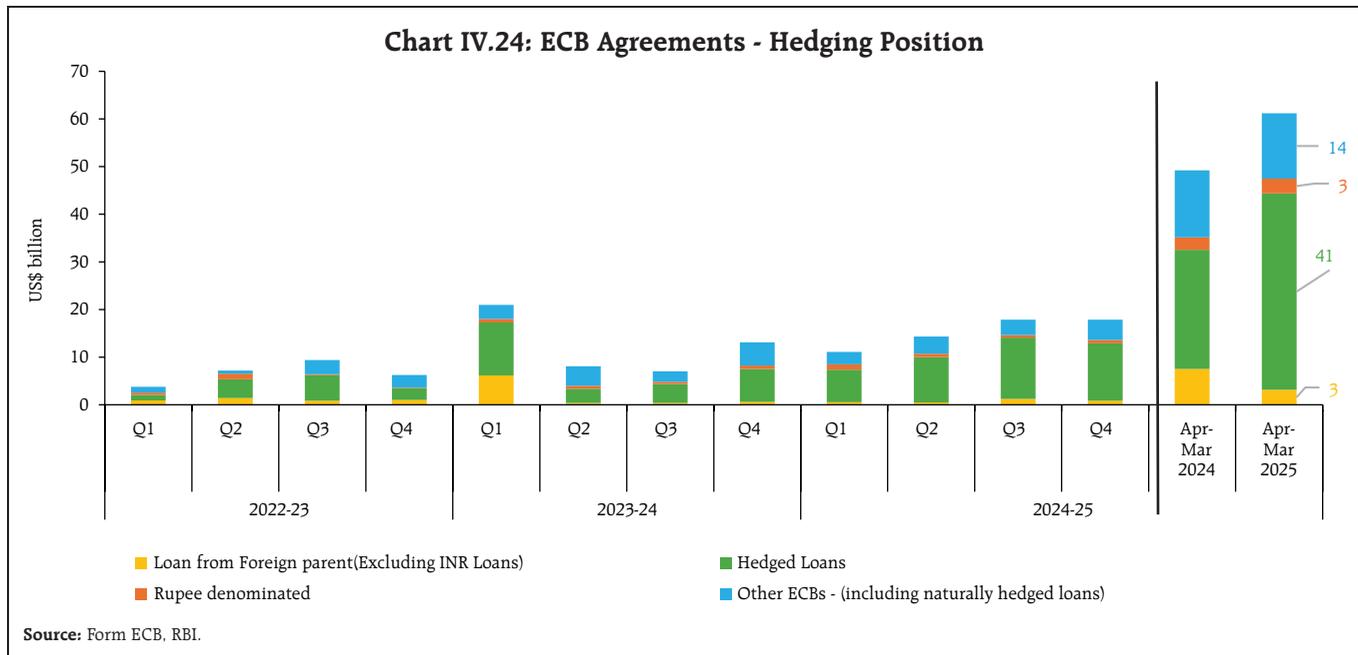
significantly higher net inflows of US\$ 25.1 billion – nearly three times the level recorded a year ago (Chart IV.22).

Over US\$ 25.9 billion (42.3 per cent) of the total ECBs raised during 2024-25 were intended to be used for capital expenditure (capex), including on-lending and sub-lending for capex (Chart IV.23).

Of the total ECB registrations, 67.4 per cent were intended to be hedged during 2024-25. Considering loans from foreign parent companies and rupee denominated loans, the effectively hedged position increases to 77.6 per cent, considerably offsetting the exchange rate risk exposures (Chart IV.24).

During 2024-25, the overall cost of ECB loans declined by 43 bps, largely driven by a reduction

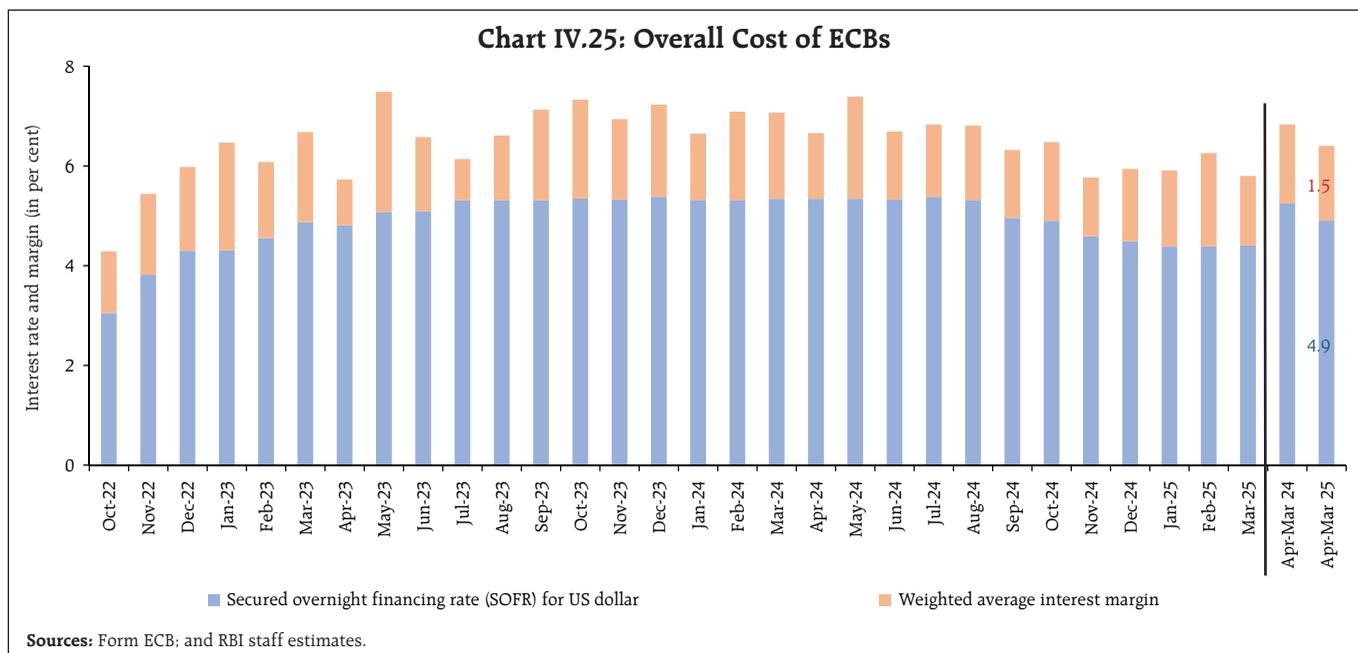


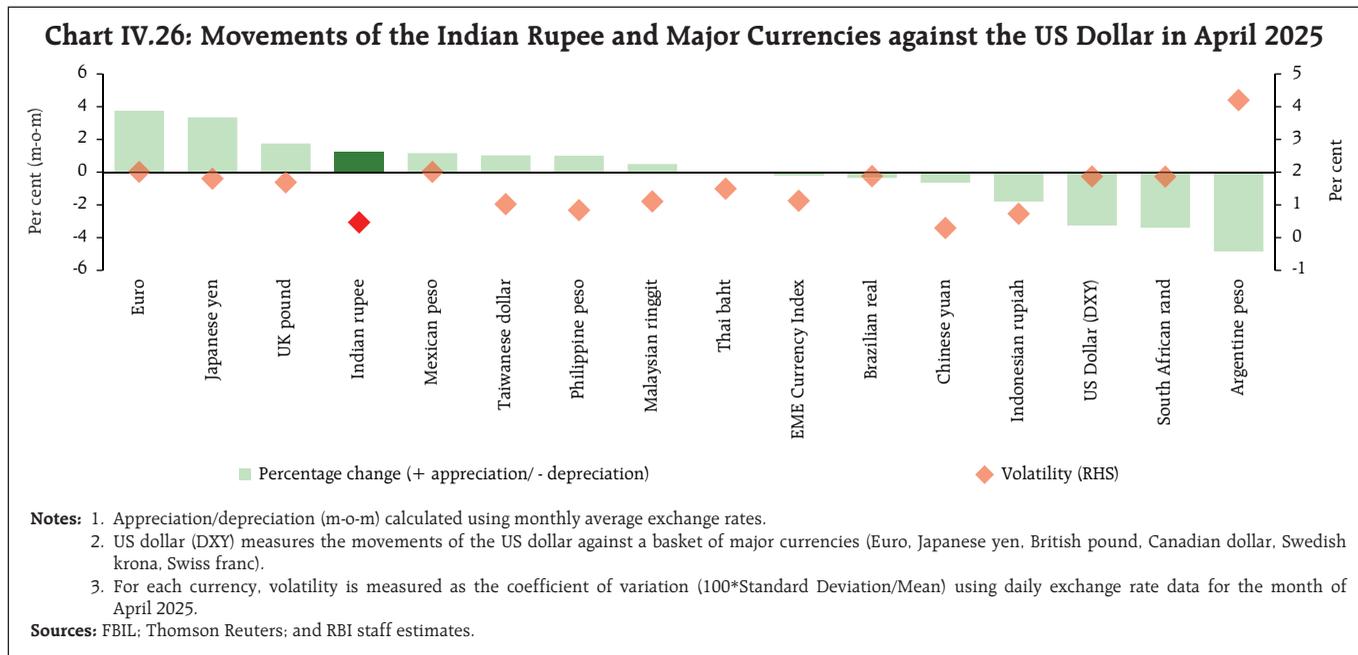


in global benchmark interest rates – the secured overnight financing rate (SOFR). In contrast, the weighted average interest margin remained largely unchanged compared to the previous year (Chart IV.25).

The Indian rupee (INR) appreciated by 1.3 per cent (m-o-m) in April 2025 and remained one of the

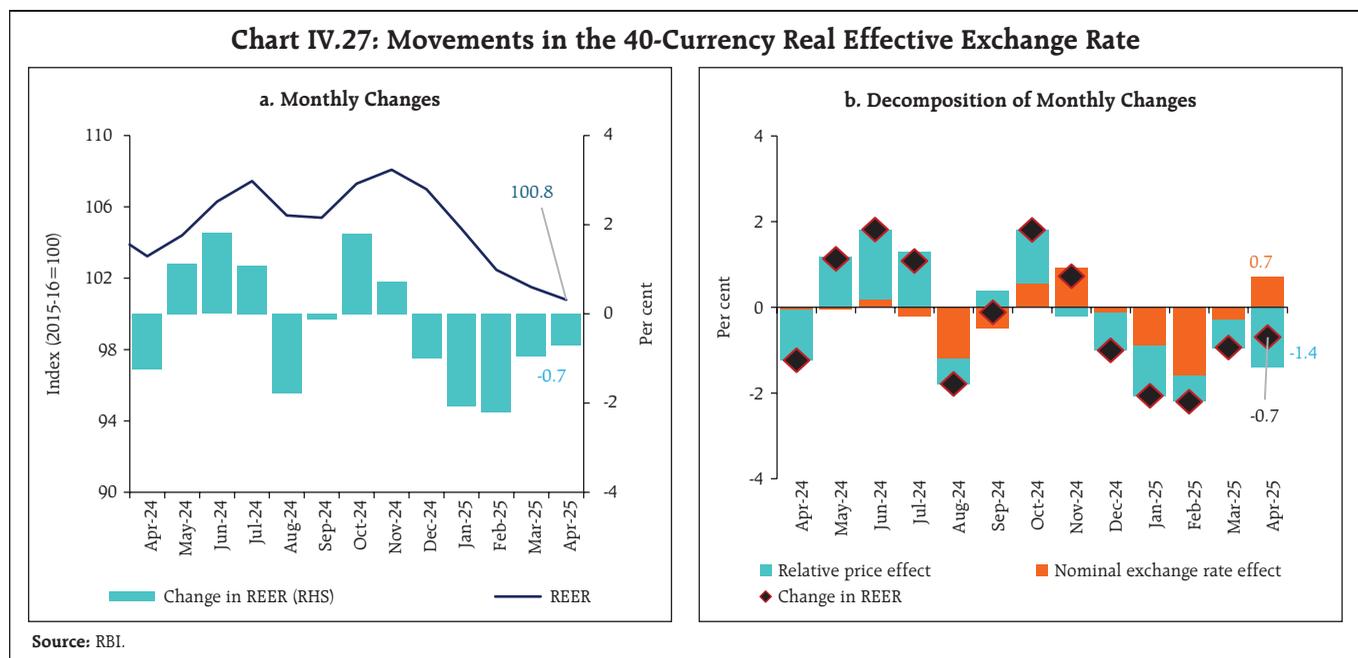
least volatile major currencies globally (Chart IV.26). The spillovers of trade policy uncertainty are already getting manifested in greater volatility in currency markets, with export-oriented economies being highly vulnerable as witnessed in the case of the New Taiwan dollar (TWD). The TWD recorded an intraday surge of more than 5 per cent on May 5, 2025 – the biggest in over three decades.



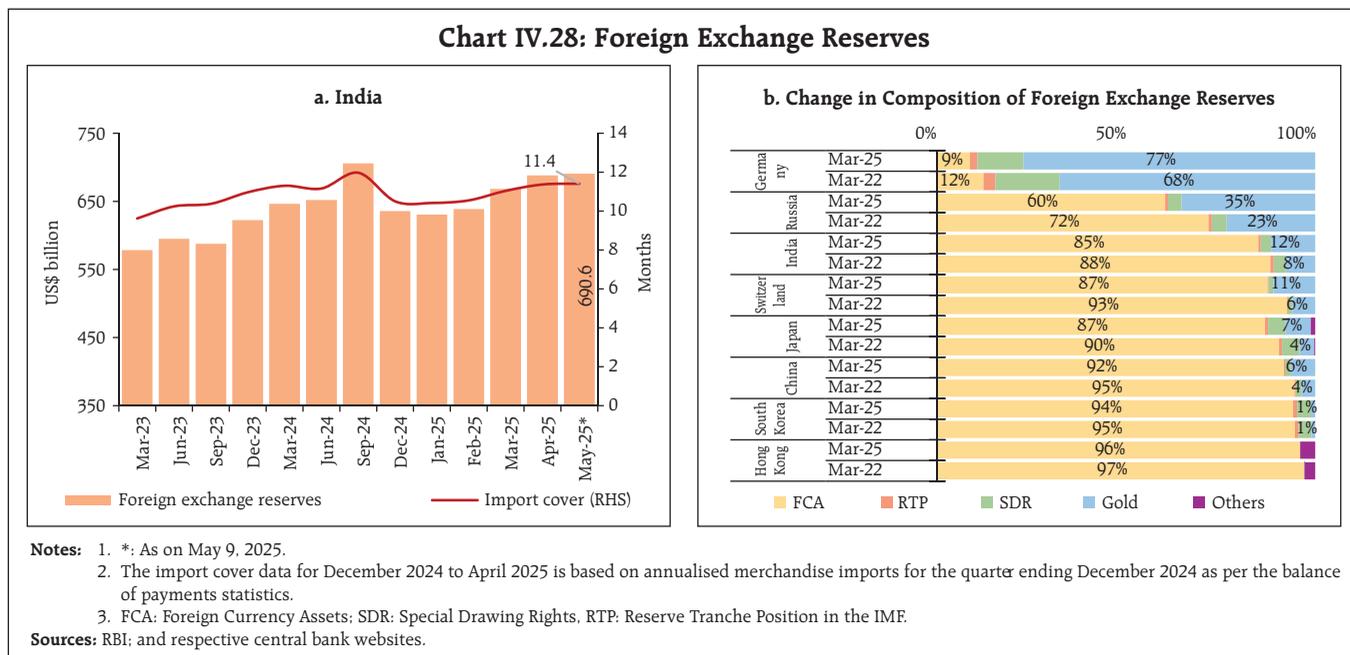


The INR depreciated (m-o-m) by 0.7 per cent in real effective terms in April 2025 as India's inflation (m-o-m) was 1.4 percentage points lower than the weighted average inflation of its major trading partners, more than offsetting the appreciation in the nominal effective exchange rate (NEER) [Chart IV.27].

As on May 9, 2025, India's foreign exchange reserves stood at US\$ 690.6 billion, providing a cover for more than 11 months of goods imports²⁷ and 96 per cent of external debt outstanding at end-December 2024 (Chart IV.28a). Over the past three years, the share of gold (in value terms) in total foreign exchange reserves of central



²⁷ However, the import cover for goods and services was around nine months.



banks holding large reserves has increased (Chart IV.28b).

Payment Systems

Following the strong financial year-end expansion in March 2025, digital transactions continued to increase across various payment modes in April, notwithstanding intermittent technical issues (Table IV.4). Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS), a key indicator of overall economic activity,

registered robust double-digit growth (y-o-y) in both volume and value terms. Among retail digital payment modes, the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT), and Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) also maintained steady expansion. Transactions under the National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) recorded an uptick, driven by improved mobility, rising vehicular traffic and increased tag issuance. In the cards segment, credit card spending peaked at ₹2.01 lakh crore in

Table IV.4: Growth in Select Payment Systems

(y-o-y in per cent)

Payment System Indicators	Transaction Volume				Transaction Value			
	Mar-24	Mar-25	Apr-24	Apr-25	Mar-24	Mar-25	Apr-24	Apr-25
RTGS	12.3	10.3	16.9	11.4	12.4	18.1	21.5	17.1
NEFT	45.2	13.5	45.9	9.2	15.2	12.3	13.4	24.5
UPI	55.3	36.2	50.1	34.5	40.8	25.2	38.8	21.9
IMPS	16.8	-20.5	11.0	-18.4	16.2	5.2	13.7	5.0
NACH	22.8	12.3	50.5	10.6	15.8	18.4	23.7	29.4
NETC	10.6	11.9	7.6	16.6	17.2	14.5	8.6	21.6
BBPS	25.4	85.7	45.1	68.9	82.8	265.0	107.5	211.7

Notes:

- RTGS: Real Time Gross Settlement, NEFT: National Electronic Funds Transfer, UPI: Unified Payments Interface, IMPS: Immediate Payment Service, NACH: National Automated Clearing House, NETC: National Electronic Toll Collection, BBPS: Bharat Bill Payment System.
- The heatmap presents growth (y-o-y) in transaction volume and value across select payment systems for April and March of 2025 and 2024. Cells are color-coded using a three-color scale: red for negative values, light green for zero, and green for positive values, with darker green indicating higher growth.

Source: RBI.

March 2025, alongside a 7.94 per cent (y-o-y) rise in issuances, which increased total cards to 109.8 million. Overall, total digital payments grew (y-o-y) by 35.0 per cent (44.3 per cent in 2023-24) in volume and 17.9 per cent (16.4 per cent in 2023-24) in value in 2024-25. Moreover, the central bank digital currency-e₹ in circulation continued to gain further traction, with volume more than doubling and value rising over fourfold (y-o-y) as of the week ended April 18, 2025.

V. Conclusion

The global economic outlook remains clouded amidst shifting policy landscapes and lingering vulnerabilities. In the midst of these uncertainties, the outlook for India is one of cautious optimism. According to IMF projections of April 2025, India is projected to remain the fastest growing major economy in 2025 and is likely to surpass Japan this year to become the world's fourth largest economy²⁸. Inflation pressure has eased significantly and is poised for a durable alignment with the target in 2025-26. The prospects of bumper *rabi* harvest and the outlook of an above normal monsoon would

further strengthen rural consumption and is also likely to keep food inflation in check. Consumers and businesses remain confident, supportive for a strengthening of economic activity.

Indian economy continues to be ring-fenced by stability encompassing monetary, financial and political stability; policy consistency and certainty; congenial business environment; and strong macroeconomic fundamentals along with a policy ecosystem that is transparent, rule-based, and forward-looking²⁹. In the midst of global trade realignments and industrial policy shifts, India is increasingly positioned to function as a "connector country" that can become a key intermediary in sectors such as technology, digital services and pharmaceuticals. In this scenario, the recent completion of free trade agreement with UK points to a strengthening of bilateral trade linkages. Going forward, notwithstanding the daunting challenges in the horizon, India stands well-positioned to navigate the ongoing global headwinds with confidence, ready to harness emerging opportunities and consolidate its role as a key driver of global growth.

²⁸ World Economic Outlook, International Monetary Fund, April 2025.

²⁹ Keynote Address by Shri Sanjay Malhotra, Governor, Reserve Bank of India - April 25, 2025 - at the US-India Economic Forum organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and US India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF), Washington DC.

Economic Activity and Banknotes: New Approaches

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Novel high-frequency measures, in the form of gross tax collections and night-lights are used as proxies for economic activity. There is a positive relationship between night-lights and taxes as well as between night-lights and GDP. Formal economic activity, proxied by tax collections, reduces Notes in Circulation (NiC).

Introduction

Currency plays a central role in the economy as a facilitator of transactions and as a store of value. While the secular growth in cash¹ in India has fallen considerably since the 1990s, Notes in Circulation

(NiC) has risen in recent years, possibly in part due to COVID-19 driven surge in demand for precautionary cash holdings. The level of NiC has risen from about ₹2.1 lakh crore in 2001 to about ₹34.8 lakh crore in 2024 (RBI, 2001, 2024).

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is responsible for overall management of currency in the country. Currency includes both banknotes and coins. Banknotes are issued and circulated by RBI. The issuing authority of coins is the Government of India (GoI) and the coins are put into circulation by RBI on behalf of GoI. In terms of value, banknotes accounted for around 99 per cent of total currency in circulation at the end of March 2024.

Printing and storage capacities, in particular, cannot be altered at short notice. Forecasting future demand for currency is an important element of currency management. Indent and supply of banknotes vary across denominations (Table 1). It is, therefore, important to develop reliable long-

Table 1: Indent and Supply of Banknotes (denomination wise)

In crore pieces

Financial Year	Indent						Supply					
	₹10	₹20	₹50	₹100	₹200	₹500	₹10	₹20	₹50	₹100	₹200	₹500
2011-12	570	60	120	610	-	200	625	105	95	508	-	233
2012-13	1209	106	118	570	-	399	551	115	163	668	-	300
2013-14	1216	120	99	519	-	484	947	94	117	513	-	339
2014-15	600	400	210	520	-	540	942	109	162	546	-	502
2015-16	400	500	205	535	-	560	586	325	191	491	-	429
2016-17	300	600	213	550	-	573	279	412	270	574	-	927
2017-18	424	246	378	807	269	921	431	205	279	317	283	969
2018-19	392	5	423	633	262	1169	429	21	404	641	273	1147
2019-20	147	125	240	330	205	1463	147	134	234	327	196	1200
2020-21	28	488	140	400	150	1060	28	385	139	373	151	1157
2021-22	75	200	150	400	120	1280	75	200	150	400	120	1280
2022-23	60	200	200	600	200	1000	60	200	200	600	200	1000
2023-24	80	200	250	700	300	900	80	200	250	700	300	900

Source: RBI Annual Reports (various years).

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¹ The words 'cash' and 'currency' are used interchangeably in this article.

run forecasts for the demand for banknotes that incorporate recent developments in the Indian economy.

The article illustrates how economic activity affects banknotes in circulation and presents an extensive discussion. Formal economic activity is proxied by gross tax collections, whereas night-lights data are taken as a proxy for total economic activity. This article brings in new perspectives to understand the role of economic activity in generating demand for banknotes.

The article is divided into five sections. Section II reviews the literature on the determinants of currency demand, section III provides stylized facts regarding NiC and economic activity, and connects them to night-lights and tax collections; section IV reports and discusses results from econometric tests of the link between these variables and NiC; conclusion is in section V.

II. Literature Review

Theoretical literature on the role of cash as a facilitator of economic transactions goes back several decades and in these models, consumers prefer to transact in cash and therefore hold a part of their liquid wealth in the form of cash (Baumol, 1952; Tobin, 1956). The trade-off is governed by the interest rate on bank deposits – if the interest rate is zero, the consumer is indifferent between holding deposits and cash. The literature since then has identified several frictions, both on the demand side (*i.e.*, consumers) and on the supply side (*i.e.*, banking frictions *etc.*), that impact the deposit-versus-cash trade-off. Several of these frictions favour using cash over holding bank deposits.

The frictions on the demand side are a result of consumers' preferences. These include (i) the use of cash as a tool for liquidity monitoring (Kalckreuth *et al.*, 2014), (ii) imperfect substitutability between cash and bank deposits (Drechsler *et al.*, 2017; Wang

et al., 2022), (iii) Consumption preferences (Alvarez and Lippi, 2009), (iv) network effects in the adoption of digital payments (Amromin and Chakravorti, 2009; Crouzet *et al.*, 2019), and (v) size of transaction (Wang and Wolman, 2016).

The supply side frictions are an outcome of the depth of the banking sector and that of the financial sector in general. These include (i) ATM and bank branch density (Alvarez and Lippi, 2009; Lippi and Secchi, 2009; Prina, 2015; Dupas *et al.*, 2018; Ragot, 2014), (ii) depth of wholesale funding markets (Lucas and Nicolini, 2015), (iii) the cost of holding cash including interest rate, loss due to theft and neglect, and inflation (Attanasio *et al.*, 2002; Amromin and Chakravorti, 2009; Benati *et al.*, 2021), and (iv) policy uncertainty (RBI, 2023).

Among these frictions, ATM and bank branch density are often used as policy tools for effective cash management which may also reduce cash usage. RBI has in the past initiated measures on opening new bank branches to improve financial inclusion in rural India. Alvarez and Lippi, 2009 and Lippi and Secchi, 2009 show how costlier cash withdrawal technology in the form of a sparser ATM network leads to greater cash holdings. The relative ease with which deposits can be converted into cash and *vice versa* has a bearing on households' liquid assets portfolio composition. These costs are governed by the density of bank branches and ATMs, and by whether ATMs accept cash deposits in addition to disbursing cash.

Similarly, randomized control trial experiments have shown that offering free or low-cost bank accounts increases take-up, but the effects are small (Prina, 2015; Dupas *et al.*, 2018). Digital payment methods would impact cash usage by offering alternative methods to hold liquid assets with minimal leakage risk. However, only smaller denomination currencies are sensitive to digital payments such as debit cards, whereas interest rate sensitivity is higher for higher denomination cash (Amromin and Chakravorti, 2009).

In the case of India, the practice of identifying the NiC determinants goes back (Jadhav, 1994; Palanivel and Klein, 1999; Bhattacharya and Joshi, 2001; Bhattacharya and Joshi, 2002; Kumar, 2011; Nachane *et al.*, 2013; Bhattacharya and Singh 2016; Chaudhari *et al.*, 2019; Raj *et al.*, 2020, Awasthy *et al.*, 2022). More recently, there is comprehensive work documenting the determinants using time series methods using weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual data (Raj *et al.*, 2020). The goal of their weekly model is to support the RBI's liquidity management objective. In their monthly model, digital payments are incorporated into the methodology. In their quarterly and annual models, other variables such as nominal gross domestic product (GDP) and 1-3-year tenor average deposit rates are included. The main advantage of the quarterly and annual models is that the data goes back in time (up to 1970-71 in the annual model), which allows estimation of time-varying coefficients. Recently, there is work on the development of a cash usage indicator for better currency management (Bhuyan, 2024). In comparison, the goal of this article is to establish the role of economic activity on NiC.

III. Stylized Facts

The demand for physical cash has undergone several changes in the last twenty years. Rapid expansion of bank branches and ATM network, increased penetration of internet-enabled phones, and dramatic changes in payment and settlement systems have possibly contributed to lower CAGR in NiC in the last decade under reference (Table 2).

In each of the two 10-year periods between 2004 and 2024, CAGR of NiC in value was higher than that in volume, indicating a shift towards higher denominations. It is worth noting that the growth rate in NiC (in value terms) in the 10 year period between 2014 and 2024 was significantly lower as compared to that in the previous two decades. Moreover, the growth in NiC was noticeably higher than that in GDP between 1994 and 2004, the gap however significantly reduced in the next two decades.

Between 2005 and 2014, the number of ATMs per lakh adults increased dramatically, at a CAGR of slightly over 25 per cent. Evidence shows that in normal period (*i.e.* a period not affected by events like Covid *etc.*) easier access to ATMs reduces households' cash holdings as they are more comfortable holding lower balances and precautionary holdings are reduced (Alvarez and Lippi, 2009).

As a high-frequency measure of total economic activity, night-lights intensity is analysed. It is a reasonable proxy at high frequency when similar administrative data on GDP is not available at a granular level. Night-lights is a result of total economic activity and its intensity has recently been shown to be correlated with Gross Domestic Product (GDP) used to capture economic activity (Beyer *et al.*, 2022; Beyer *et al.*, 2023).

Night-lights captured by satellites on a daily basis are adjusted for cloud covers to arrive at a very granular measure of monthly average night-light

Table 2: Growth - NiC vis-à-vis Other Macro Economic Variables

Year	NiC (₹ lakh crore)	Nominal GDP (₹ lakh crore)	10-year CAGR (per cent)						
			NiC (Val)	NiC (Vol)	GDP	Tele-Density		Branches Per Lakh Adults	ATMs Per Lakh Adults
						Land Lines	Total		
1994	0.84	8.76							
2004	3.20	27.93	14.33		12.29				
2014	12.83	112.34	14.90	7.27	14.93	-5.41	26.77	3.59	25.48 ^s
2024	34.78	301.23	10.49	6.63	10.37	0.47	1.31	1.41 [^]	3.94 [^]

Notes: \$: Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) over the 9-year period between 2005 and 2014. ^: 9-year CAGR based on data till 2023.

Sources: RBI; IMF financial access survey data; and Authors' calculations.

Chart 1: Night-Light Intensity across India

Sources: Earth Observation Group; and Authors' calculations. The data is for January 2023

intensity. The resulting image clearly indicates major cities as well as smaller towns and villages (Chart 1).

IV. Results – Economic Activity and NiC

In this section, statistical tests of the relationships between night-lights, taxes, and NiC are conducted. The best dataset available, both in terms of granularity and frequency, is used in each of the tests. For example, monthly state-level data is used to test the relationship between night-lights and taxes, as the data on the latter is only available at the state level. Because data on night-lights capture total economic activity, the relationship between night-lights and gross taxes is expected to be positive. This is tested formally by running fixed effects regressions of logged variables. The estimated coefficients, therefore, reflect the elasticity between night-lights and taxes. Results show a positive and statistically significant relationship between the two (Table 3).

The estimates indicate a more than one-to-one response of night-lights to a given percentage change in tax collections. The elasticity falls considerably to about 0.1 once state-fixed effects (FEs) are included. The most detailed specification with state and state

by calendar-month fixed effects leads to an elasticity estimate of just under 0.14.

Similarly, state-level panel data by financial year between 2012 and 2022 is used to test the relationship between gross state domestic product (GSDP) and night-lights. The analysis is similar in spirit to Beyer *et al.*, 2022 and Beyer *et al.*, 2023. In a fixed effects regression with variables represented in logs in model 1, the coefficient is positive (0.632) and statistically significant at 1 per cent level (Table 4). In model 2, 4 lags of both the dependent and independent variables are included. The coefficient magnitude is 0.398 and remains significant at 5 per cent level. The coefficient magnitudes are comparable to estimated values in the existing literature between 0.46 and 0.50 in cross-country panel data (Beyer *et al.*, 2022).

In view of the preceding findings, night-lights and taxes are used to examine their impact on NiC. The augmented model includes night-lights and taxes in addition to the variables used in the previous studies (Raj *et al.*, 2020; RBI, 2023) and covers a time period between August 2014 to November 2022. In particular, an ARDL regression in logs is conducted where the dependent variable is the log of NiC, and independent variables, motivated by RBI, 2023, include (in addition to the two variables of interest) economic policy

Table 3: Elasticity Estimates between Night-Lights and Taxes

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Dependent Variable: Log(Night-Lights)			
Log(Taxes)	1.219*** (121.42)	0.103** (3.42)	0.806*** (12.77)	0.139*** (4.31)
Observations	2.800	2.800	2.800	2.796
Adjusted R ²	0.99	0.91	0.78	0.93
State FE		Yes		Yes
Month FE			Yes	
State x Cal. Month FE				Yes

Note: ***: statistical significance at 1 per cent; **: statistical significance at 5 per cent; *: statistical significance at 10 per cent, t statistics in parentheses; Cal. Month is calendar-month.

Source: Authors' estimates.

Table 4: Elasticity Estimates between Night-Lights and GSDP

Dependent Variable: Log (Night Lights)		
	Model 1	Model 2
Log(GSDP)	0.632*** (10.09)	0.398** (2.70)
Constant	3.004*** (3.31)	3.208*** (3.41)
Observations	330	198
Within-Adjusted R ²	0.44	0.68
State Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes
Lagged Variables		Yes

Note: ***, statistical significance at 1 per cent; **, statistical significance at 5 per cent; *, statistical significance at 10 per cent; t statistics in parentheses.

Source: Authors' estimates.

uncertainty index (Baker *et al.*, 2016), weighted average deposit rates of scheduled commercial banks, log of value of digital transactions, and dummy variables for demonetization and pandemic affected months. Data used in this analysis were monthly time series. All the variables are stationary in log first differences as indicated by Augmented Dickey Fuller (ADF) tests.

ARDL model is chosen as opposed to alternatives as most variables used in the model are integrated of order one, but some variables, such as weighted average deposit rates, are stationary. These factors make ARDL the ideal model to choose (Johansen and Juselius, 1990). The bounds test F-stats are higher than the 1 per cent critical values, indicating that the variables are co-integrated in each of the models (Table 5). The long run coefficients related to the two variables of interest, *i.e.*, night-lights and gross taxes, are reported. In a regression of NiC on all the variables except taxes, the night-lights coefficient is positive but not statistically significant. In a specification that omits night-lights but includes taxes, the coefficient on the latter is negative. Finally, these patterns survive in a regression with all the variables, and the coefficient on taxes is more negative and significant at 1 per cent level. Overall, this implies that formal economic activity, proxied by gross taxes, would lead to a fall in NiC.

Table 5: Impact of Economic Activity on NiC

Dependent Variable: Log (NiC)			
	(1)	(2)	(3)
	ARDL	ARDL	ARDL
Log(Night-Lights)	0.0287 (0.18)		0.0252 (0.57)
Log(Taxes)		-0.441 (-1.60)	-0.602*** (-5.88)
Observations	100	117	99
Adjusted R ²	0.80	0.81	0.95
Bounds Test F-Stat	10.01	12.33	59.23

Note: ***, statistical significance at 1 per cent; **, statistical significance at 5 per cent; *, statistical significance at 10 per cent; t statistics in parentheses. Only the variables of interest are reported for conciseness.

Source: Authors' estimates.

V. Conclusion

This article proposes a novel approach to link economic activity to demand for banknotes. It uses night-lights as a proxy for total economic activity, and tax collection as a proxy for formal economic activity. It finds that formal economic activity reduces NiC. The estimated coefficient on night-lights in the full specification is positive but it is not statistically significant. Further research can refine the estimates provided in this paper when more granular and frequent data on measures of formal and total activities are available.

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Digital Footprints: Decoding India's Inbound Tourism through Internet Searches

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Inbound tourism in India is emerging as one of the key drivers of economic growth. In this article, an attempt has been made to explore the potential of destination insights with google (DIG), an alternate data source, to track inbound tourism, which is a novel attempt in the Indian context. This study shows: i) there is a strong association between foreign tourist arrivals (FTA) and the travel related search index extracted from DIG, ii) the index is able to capture the directional changes in FTA reasonably well, and iii) the index Granger causes FTA, which implies its ability to predict FTA. Therefore, this index can be used as a leading indicator for tracking FTA.

Introduction

Tourism is one of the largest global economic sectors experiencing continued growth and diversification across the world. It has become a major player in international commerce and a primary source of income for many developing countries, significantly contributing to their gross domestic product (GDP). India's cultural diversity is one of its biggest draws of tourism. Each state has its unique traditions, festivals, and cuisines, offering a wide array of experiences for tourists. From the vibrant festivals of Rajasthan to the serene backwaters of Kerala, the spiritual temples of Varanasi to the bustling streets of Mumbai, there is something for everyone. Also, niche tourism products, such as adventure tourism¹, medical and wellness

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¹ Adventure tourism refers to exploration of remote and exotic areas, which is rapidly gaining popularity as tourists seek different kinds of vacations.

tourism², and eco-tourism, increasingly attracting the attention of international travelers to India.

As like other economies, inbound tourism plays an important role in India also, for the economic growth. As per Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Government of India (GoI), trade, hotels, transport, communication and services related to broadcasting have contributed about 19 per cent to overall Gross value added (GVA) at basic prices in 2023-24. Recently, inbound tourism has been increasing in India, gaining researchers' interest to monitor tourism sector closely.

The economic and social benefits of tourism are manifold. First, it directly creates employment in sectors like hospitality, transport, and entertainment. Second, it indirectly generates jobs in associated sectors that supply goods and services for the tourism industry. Third, tourism stimulates the infrastructure development such as roads, airports, and hotels, benefiting the local community beyond the tourism sector. Fourth, preservation of heritage sites and promotion of local arts and crafts can act as a catalyst to develop even less or under-developed areas in a region by attracting tourists. This will not only stimulate the regional economic activity, but also would help to reduce regional disparities and contribute to social equity. Fifth, tourism boosts the local economy through foreign exchange receipts, thereby strengthens the local currency and improves the standard of living. Lastly, tourism not only has a direct impact on the economy but also plays a crucial role in fostering international relations. As inbound tourism significantly contributes to the economy, tracking of foreign tourist arrivals (FTA) in near real-time is of interest to business entities and policymakers.

Empirical studies suggest that there is a direct link between web searches and the tourism

² Wellness tourism pertains to travel primarily aimed at fostering, advancing, and preserving optimal health and a state of wellness.

industry. In this article, an attempt has been made to explore a non-traditional high-frequency data source, viz., Destination Insights with Google (DIG) to monitor inbound tourism in India by examining the relationship between google searches made for travelling to India from rest of the world and FTA.

For this study, the data is collected from three sources: (i) monthly FTA data from the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India for the period January 2021 to June 2024, (ii) quarterly GVA - Trade, Hotels, Transport, Communication and Services related to Broadcasting (GVA-THTCB) from MoSPI for Q4:2020-21 to Q4:2023-24, and (iii) daily data on google search volume index (GSVI) from DIG for India from January 2021 to June 2024.

Rest of the article is organised as follows: In Section II, a brief description about tourism in India is presented and Section III discusses the literature review. Section IV explains DIG and data used for the study. Empirical analysis is presented in Section V and the conclusion in Section VI.

II. Tourism in India

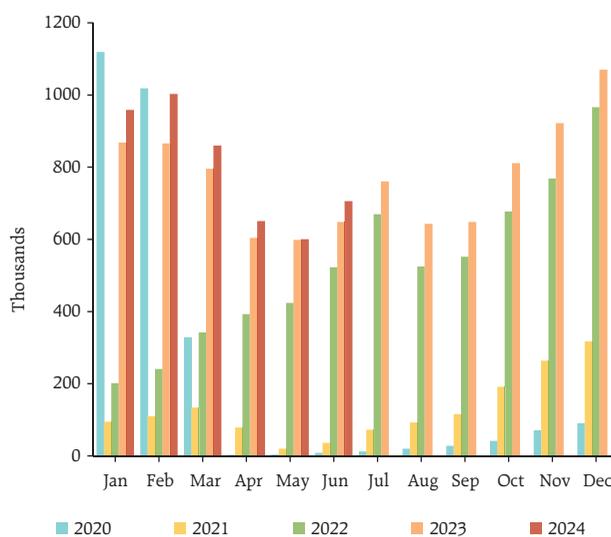
India has taken several initiatives to boost tourism such as: i) introduction of e-visa facilities for over 150 countries, ii) showcasing India's rich heritage and diverse culture to the world through 'Incredible India' campaign, iii) *Swadesh Darshan Scheme* focusing on developing theme-based tourist circuits, iv) Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme focusing on the development and beautification of pilgrimage sites. Significant improvements in infrastructure have also contributed to the growth of tourism. The development of world-class airports, better road connectivity, and the introduction of luxury trains like the 'Palace on Wheels' and 'Maharajas' Express' have made traveling in India a more comfortable experience.

In 2015-16, an international passenger survey

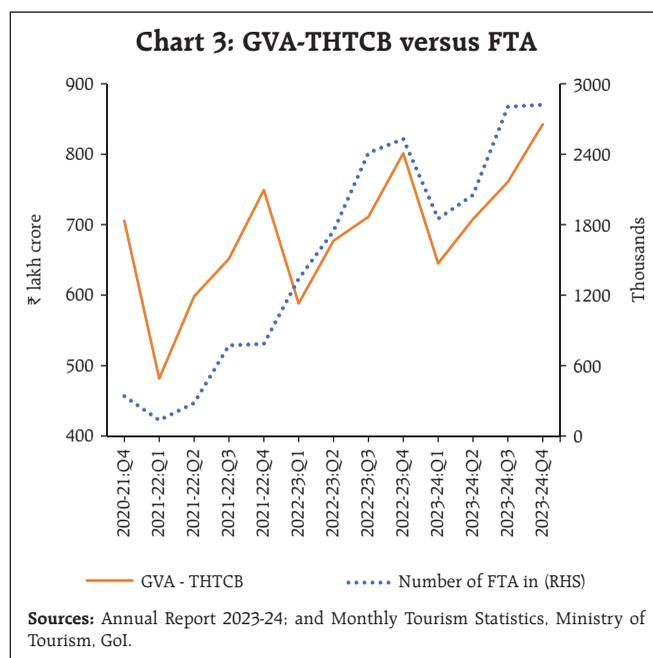
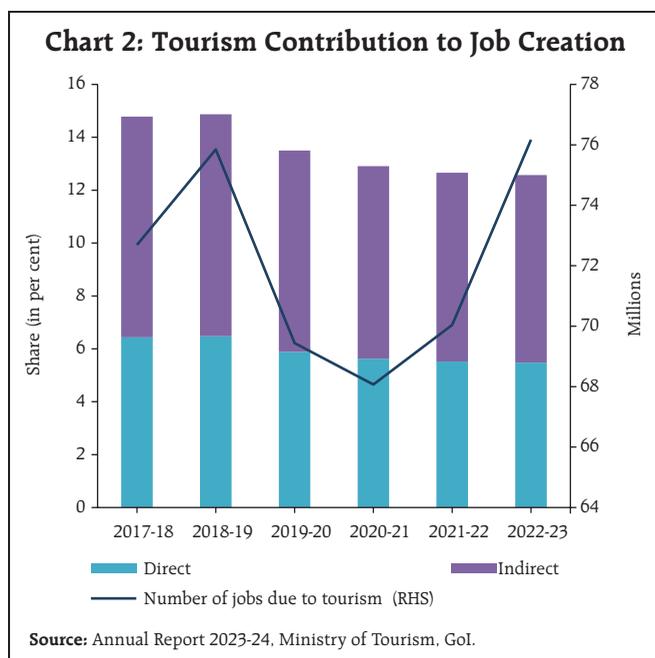
(IPS) was conducted to get insights into the profile, preferences, and expenditure patterns of foreign tourists visiting India. This survey covered various aspects, including purpose of visit, mode of travel, duration of stay, places visited, activities undertaken, feedback on tourism facilities etc. Over half of the respondents (51.6 per cent) who participated in the survey have visited India either for vacation, or leisure, or recreational activities. Survey findings also highlight that "friendly-people", and "Indian-culture" have impressed the visitors the most.

Foreign tourists visit to India, which was above 10 lakhs in first two months of the year 2020, dipped sharply after March 2020 due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. Inbound travel to India again gained momentum since November 2021 and there has been a significant increase in the number of foreign tourists visiting India in 2023 compared to previous years. The year 2023 was promising for the tourism sector, propelled by the G20 Summit, meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (MICE) events, leisure trips, and the return of business travelers. Additionally, ICC Cricket World Cup in India also fueled India's tourism boom. Similar trend is seen in first half of 2024 (Chart 1).

Chart 1: Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTA) in India



Source: Annual Report 2023-24, Ministry of Tourism, GoI.



Travel and tourism have created 76.17 million jobs in 2022-23, both direct and indirect, which is 12.57 per cent of total jobs created during the same period (Chart 2). Furthermore, there exists a significant correlation between FTA and GVA-THTCB for Q4:2020-21 to Q4:2023-24 (0.71), which supports the earlier argument that FTAs contribute directly and indirectly to GVA (Chart 3). Foreign exchange earnings from the tourism industry for 2023 reached ₹ 2.32 lakh crores, marking an increase of over 66 per cent compared to 2022.

III. Literature Review

The dominant role of tourism in accelerating economic growth is widely discussed in the literature and studies have found that there exists a unidirectional causality from tourism earnings to economic growth (Sharma, 2018). Dash *et al.*, (2018) have found that there is a positive impact of tourists on economic growth in India both in short-run and long-run.

Tourism has emerged as the world's third-largest export industry after fuels and chemicals, surpassing

food and automotive products. In recent years, international tourism has surged, accounting for 6 per cent of the world's total exports and 24 per cent of the services exports in 2023. Rasool *et al.*, (2021) has examined the relationship between inbound tourism, financial development, and economic growth using panel data from 1995 to 2015 for the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa). The panel ARDL cointegration test results indicate a long-term cointegration among tourism, financial development, and economic growth. Additionally, Granger causality analysis reveals a bi-directional causality between inbound tourism and economic growth.

Internet has become one of the starting points for travel related information searches and has a significant share in overall online searches (Fesenmaier *et al.*, 2011; and Jansen *et al.*, 2008). These searches include information related to geographical locations, such as city, region, country names, *etc.*, which make up nearly 60 per cent of total queries. Travel related searches using city or country name show the interest of people to visit such destinations, and they may

become potential visitors to those destinations in near future. Among the major internet search engines, Google is the most popular search engine that accounts for 90 per cent of market share (Salehi *et al.*, 2018). Moreover, Google searches could serve as a valuable resource for predicting tourism demand which is both timely and cost-effective (Önder and Gunter, 2016).

The application of big data in forecasting daily tourism demand has been explored by researchers using search volumes along with other variables including historical tourist volumes, daily weather conditions, and public holiday dates. Google Trends data has been explored by many researchers to track tourism demand. Some of these studies have employed customer journey theory³ to derive search query terms deductively and found that Google Trends holds value for forecasting tourism. They also found that Google Trends data and tourism statistics have similar patterns, especially during disasters. Furthermore, Google Trends data has a significant correlation with official data and produces accurate predictions of tourism demand in Indonesia. Thus, use of Google Trends for tourism demand forecasting is a valuable option both for cities and countries as per literature (Hasyati *et al.*, 2022; Rödel, 2017; and Önder, Irem, 2017). Inclusion of Google searches for forecasting arrivals improves the predictability and this improvement is particularly significant when searches are made in the native language (Önder and Gunter, 2016). Bi *et al.*, (2022) introduced crucial yet another complex task of accurately predicting daily tourism demand. They used an ensemble of long short-term memory (LSTM) networks to forecast daily tourism demand, which is designed to automatically capture the relationship between these forecasting variables and the actual tourism demand.

³ The customer journey involves study of cycle of interaction between a customer and an organisation. Customer journey in tourism includes several steps including search for a destination, search for hotels, search for ways of traveling, search for activities etc. (Rödel, E., 2017).

IV. Destination Insights with Google (DIG)

Destination Insights with Google is an online platform designed by google and it is different from Google Trends. DIG is designed specifically for tracking tourism industry across the world; the data available on this platform provides index based on search keywords related to tourism industry only. In contrast, index available on Google Trends is based on a set of customised search keywords provided by the user. DIG platform provides insights related to travel destinations, top countries from where travel demand is arising and top tourist attractions in a country based on searches made by the potential tourists from rest of the world. Also, it helps to understand how the demand for a specific tourist destination has shifted over the time. Further, this platform provides the Top Rising Destinations in a country in terms of growth in consumer search interest based on selection criteria of filters and date range.

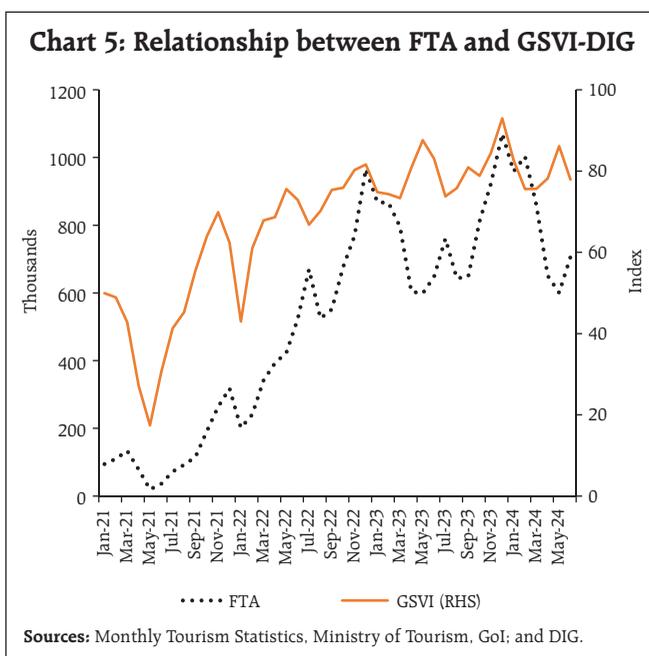
The Google Search Volume Index (GSVI) of DIG provides interest of international and domestic travelers to visit various destinations in a country. The index (GSVI-DIG) ranges between 0 and 100, where 100 indicates the highest relative search interest for travel to a particular destination during a specific period, compared to other times. The value is normalised and does not represent the absolute number of searches.

While using the search volume index to predict FTA, one may come across two types of bias, *viz.*, i) language bias and ii) platform bias. Suppose the search volume index is attributed to queries based on English alone, then there is a possibility of neglecting queries made in other languages. Also, if the users of search engines use rare language for voice search, there is a chance that Google may not retrieve data for such queries. Thus, the above issues may cause language bias in search volume data. It is also possible that people may use different search engines for making travel related queries. However, GSVI-DIG

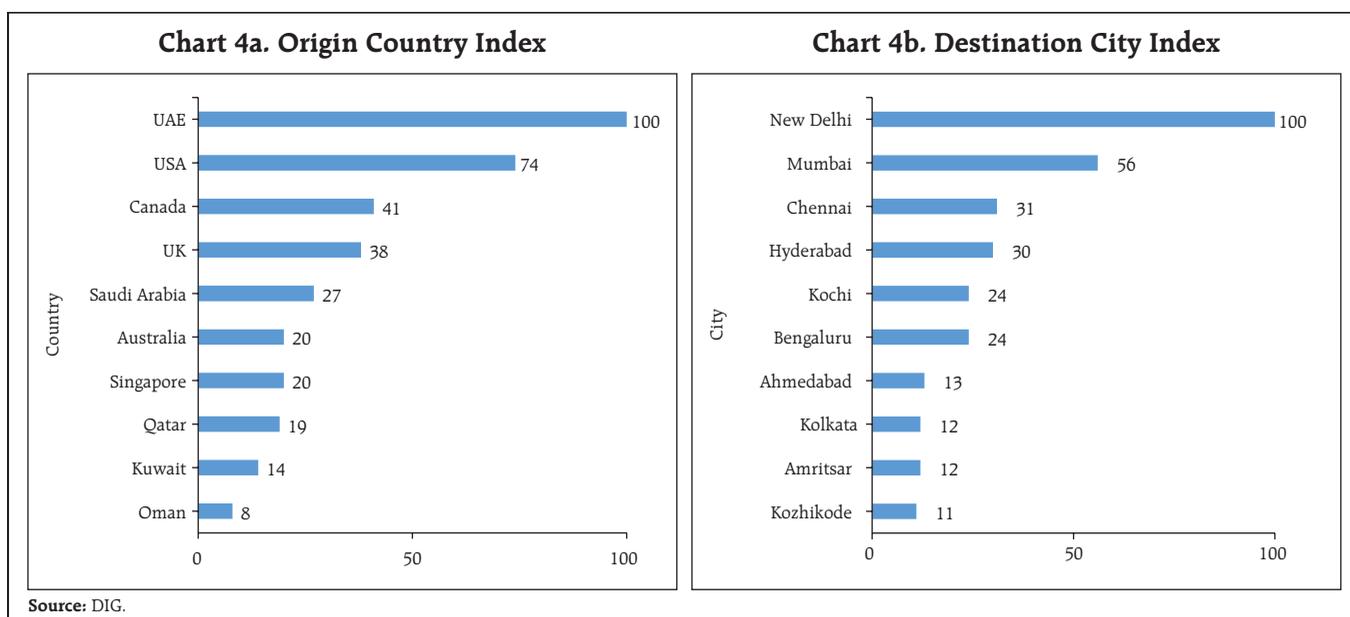
represents the search queries made only on Google search engine, which may lead to platform bias (Theologos Dergiades, *et al.*, 2018). As Google search engine holds the highest market share, therefore GSVI-DIG provides a reasonably good representation of travel search queries across the globe.

V. Empirical Analysis

A comprehensive analysis on GSVI-DIG data has been performed to identify the originating countries of the travelers who have shown interest to visit India and the destinations selected in India. This analysis throws light on destinations which gained tourist interest over a period of time. Google has ranked countries and cities based on country and city indices⁴ derived from volume of consumer search interest. In 2023, tourists from countries such as United Arab Emirates, United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia and Australia have shown significant interest to visit India; the top five destinations for these tourists were New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Kochi (Chart 4a and 4b).



FTA and GSVI-DIG, exhibit significant co-movement suggesting that GSVI-DIG can be used for tracking FTA (Chart 5). The GSVI-DIG index continued to remain above 50 since February 2022 and its rising trend indicates increasing foreign tourist interest in India.



⁴ Country index is derived based on top origin countries by volume of consumer search interest for selected filter(s) over the selected time range. City index is based on top rising destination cities by growth in consumer search interest based on selected filter(s) and date range. Growth is calculated on a period over period basis to cater to dynamic changes in the travel industry (source: DIG).

Cross-correlation Analysis

To examine the relationship between FTA and GSVI-DIG, a cross-correlation analysis has been carried out. For analysis purpose, natural log values of FTA and GSVI-DIG have been considered subsequently. As web searches or queries might have happened well in advance before the actual visit to India, correlation between FTA and first ten lags of GSVI-DIG have been examined. There is a strong and statistically significant correlation, at 1 per cent level of significance, between FTA and lagged values of GSVI-DIG (up to 5 lags), with the correlation declining sharply for subsequent lags

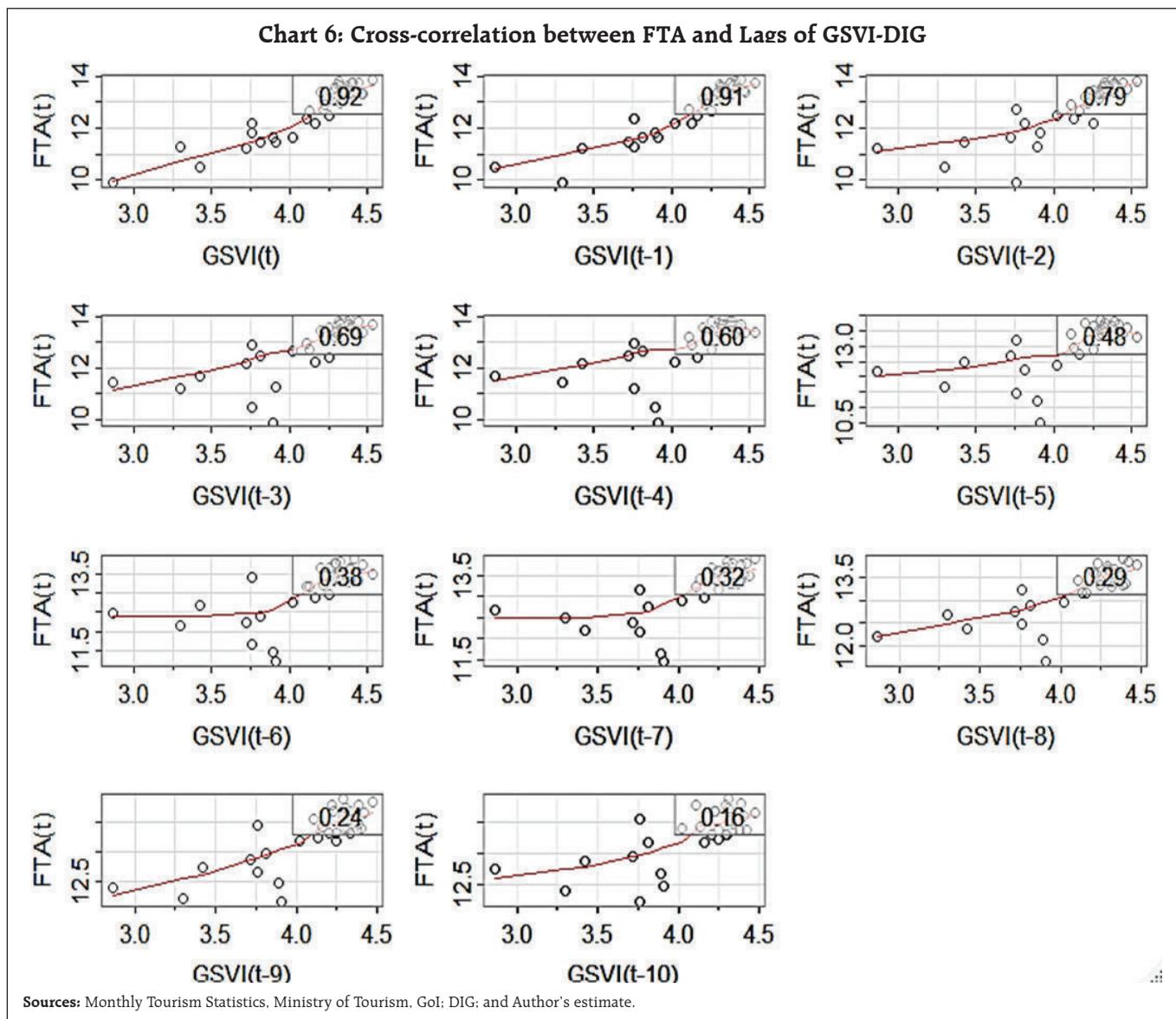
Table 1: Cross-correlation between FTA and GSVI

Lag of GSVI	Correlation	Lag of GSVI	Correlation
Lag 0	0.92***	Lag 6	0.38**
Lag 1	0.91***	Lag 7	0.32
Lag 2	0.79***	Lag 8	0.29
Lag 3	0.69***	Lag 9	0.24
Lag 4	0.60***	Lag 10	0.16
Lag 5	0.48***		

Note: *** and ** represent statistical significance at 1 per cent and 5 per cent level, respectively.

Source: Authors' estimate.

(Table 1 and Chart 6). This suggests that people who search for Indian destination today may have a higher



likelihood of visiting India in the coming months and very highly likely that tourists would visit India in the first two months.

Causality Analysis

The Granger Causality test is widely used in the literature to check if the observed relationship between two variables can be used to generate predictions. The underlying hypothesis is that lagged values of variable explain the variation in another variable and *vice-versa*. As FTA and GSVI-DIG show a strong association, Granger-Causality test has been used to check the presence of such a relationship between these two variables.

The presence of unit root in both variable, FTA and GSVI-DIG, have been tested before performing the Granger-Causality test, in order to ensure that variables are stationary. Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) test and Kwiatkowski-Phillips-Schmidt-Shin (KPSS) test are used to test the stationarity. The unit root tests suggest that both the variables are non-stationary. Therefore, first difference of both the variables have been taken to make them stationary and subsequently causality analysis has been performed.

Results of Granger causality point out bidirectional causality between GSVI-DIG and FTA (Table 2). Therefore, from the results of Granger Causality, it can be concluded that FTA, besides its own lags, is also influenced by GSVI-DIG, and *vice-versa*. Thus, the GSVI-DIG has significant explanatory power to predict FTA and it can be used as a leading indicator for tracking FTA in India in near real-time.

Table 2: Granger Causality Test Results

	F- statistic
$\Delta L(\text{GSVI-DIG})$ does not Granger Cause $\Delta L(\text{FTA})$	6.75***
$\Delta L(\text{FTA})$ does not Granger Cause $\Delta L(\text{GSVI-DIG})$	3.74**

Notes: 1. ΔL represents the log difference transformation.
 2. *** and ** represent statistical significance at 1 per cent and 5 per cent level, respectively.

Source: Authors' estimate.

Directional Analysis

Directional analysis has been carried out to evaluate the tracking performance of GSVI-DIG to capture the trajectory of FTA over a period of time. To examine whether FTA and GSVI-DIG are moving in tandem, directional accuracy between these two variables have been examined: (i) at levels, and (ii) y-o-y change. The directional accuracy is measured in terms of proportion of times both FTA and GSVI moved in the same direction.

For FTA, one-period change is defined as below:

$$Y_t = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } FTA_t \geq FTA_{t-1} \\ 0, & \text{if } FTA_t < FTA_{t-1} \end{cases}$$

Directional change in GSVI is defined as follows:

$$Z_t = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } GSVI_t \geq GSVI_{t-1} \\ 0, & \text{if } GSVI_t < GSVI_{t-1} \end{cases}$$

Accordingly, a 2x2 contingency table is constructed as below (Table 3):

$$\text{Directional Accuracy} = \frac{(A+D)}{N} * 100$$

Where, $N = A+B+C+D$

Further, Fisher's Exact (FE) test has been performed to test the null hypothesis that the direction of change in FTA and direction of change in GSVI are independent, both at levels and y-o-y growth. Rejection of null hypothesis implies that GSVI is able to capture the directional change in FTA, or *vice-versa*.

Results summarised in Table 4 show a high directional accuracy between: (i) FTA and GSVI-DIG, and (ii) y-o-y change in FTA and GSVI-DIG. With directional accuracy of 72 per cent at y-o-y level, the GSVI-DIG appears to capture the directional change in FTA reasonably well (Table 4).

Table 3: Contingency Table

Number of periods		Y_t	
		0	1
Z_t	0	A	B
	1	C	D

Table 4: Directional Accuracy between FTA and GSVI

Variables	Number of observations	Accuracy (per cent)
At levels	41	59
Y-o-y change	29	72**

Note: ** represent statistical significance at 5 per cent level

Source: Authors' estimate.

VI. Conclusion

Tracking trends in tourism industry is of interest to policy makers as it contributes to the economic growth. Many researchers have used Google Trends data to predict the tourism demand. This study uses Destination Insights with Google, a non-traditional data source, to track the inbound tourism in India in near real-time. Empirical results show a strong correlation between FTA for the current month and travel search volume index for preceding five months. Results also suggest that the index is able to capture the directional changes in FTA reasonably well. Further, the Granger Causality test indicates that the search volume index has ability to predict FTA and therefore can be used as a leading indicator for tracking FTA.

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Impact of Weather Anomalies on Vegetable Prices in India

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Vegetable prices exhibit large volatility and are generally a major contributor to India's food and headline inflation. This volatility is often exacerbated by supply-side disturbances, predominantly driven by weather shocks, warranting a regular and careful track of evolving weather conditions. This study investigates how weather anomalies, particularly in rainfall and temperature, affect vegetable prices in India. Empirical results suggest that weather anomalies affect vegetable prices, with temperature anomalies having a more immediate impact. Moreover, the impact of temperature anomalies has increased in recent periods, highlighting the need for faster adoption of temperature-resistant crop varieties to support price stability.

Introduction

Under a flexible inflation targeting (FIT) framework, accurate inflation forecasts are essential for guiding monetary policy actions and anchoring inflation expectations. The accuracy of inflation forecasts requires a regular and careful tracking of food price movements in India as the food and beverages group has a high weight (45.86 per cent) in India's Consumer Price Index (CPI). Food prices also demonstrate high volatility often induced by supply shocks, which can potentially influence inflation expectations. The movements in food prices also impact the welfare of the poor (Sekhar, *et al.*, 2018) and developments concerning food security (Cachia, 2014).

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After a significant moderation since 2014, CPI-food inflation¹ witnessed an uptick in both mean and volatility starting 2019-20 due to return of supply disturbances majorly driven by weather shocks, the COVID-19 pandemic and geopolitical tensions. In India, food supply is often affected by adverse weather events. The major driver of food price volatility is vegetable prices², which are perishable and highly dependent on the weather conditions in India.

Weather developments, such as rainfall and temperature conditions, are crucial for vegetables production and their domestic availability (Economic Survey 2024-25) as (1) most of the production in India, the second largest producer of vegetables and fruits in the world³, comes from small and marginal farmers with very little or no safeguard against such disturbances, and (2) farmers generally base their agricultural decisions on normal conditions of weather, including rainfall and temperature, as well as prevailing market prices, while deviations from these normal conditions can affect crops, leading to price fluctuations. Such price changes and volatility can potentially cause imbalances to production cycles and price divergence among alternative substitutable crops. While this often prompts farmers to adjust their decision-making for subsequent cropping seasons by altering their crop choices, consumers also sometimes go for some demand substitution, thereby intensifying the cobweb phenomenon. This underscores the need for a careful monitoring of weather conditions and prices as disturbances in them can adversely impact agricultural outcomes.

¹ Food inflation is calculated as the year-on-year (y-o-y) per cent change in the all-India Consumer Price Index-Combined (CPI-C) series of the Food and Beverages group.

² During April 2014-March 2024, vegetables inflation witnessed highest weighted volatility (measured as a product of the CPI weight and corresponding standard deviation) *vis-à-vis* other subgroups of CPI Food.

³ For more information, please refer: <https://www.fao.org/india/fao-in-india/india-at-a-glance/en/>.

The rising occurrence of adverse weather events, such as large deviations in rainfall and temperature, calls for an increased attention towards tracking them and evaluating their impact on food prices, especially the prices of vegetables which add substantially to the overall food price volatility in India. Therefore, this study attempts to empirically investigate the impact of weather anomalies, *i.e.*, deviation in rainfall and temperature from their normal⁴ levels, on vegetable prices in India for the 10-year period *i.e.*, April 2014 – March 2024.

II. Food Inflation and Weather Patterns in India - Stylised Facts

Food and Vegetables Inflation in India

Food and non-food (CPI-excluding food) inflation averaged at 5.1 per cent during April 2014-March 2024 in India, resembling the headline inflation (Table 1). A similar picture emerges even within the food group across CPI-vegetables and CPI-food excluding vegetables. While they record a narrow divergence in their respective mean inflation, their inflation volatility⁵ differ substantially. CPI-food inflation exhibits a higher volatility than the non-food group. Similarly, within the food group, vegetable inflation demonstrated considerably higher volatility compared to food excluding vegetable inflation.

Table 1: Inflation in India - Summary Statistics

<i>Period: April 2014 – March 2024</i>			
Measure	Weight in CPI	Mean	Standard Deviation
CPI-Headline	100	5.1	1.5
CPI-Food	45.86	5.1	3.0
CPI-Excluding Food	54.14	5.1	1.1
CPI-Vegetables	6.04	4.9	14.8
CPI-Food Excluding Vegetables	39.82	5.2	2.3

Sources: National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Government of India (GoI); and RBI staff estimates.

⁴ Normal patterns refer to the long-period averages (LPA), *i.e.*, 50-year average for rainfall and 30-year average for temperature.

⁵ Volatility is measured by the standard deviation of inflation for April 2014 – March 2024.

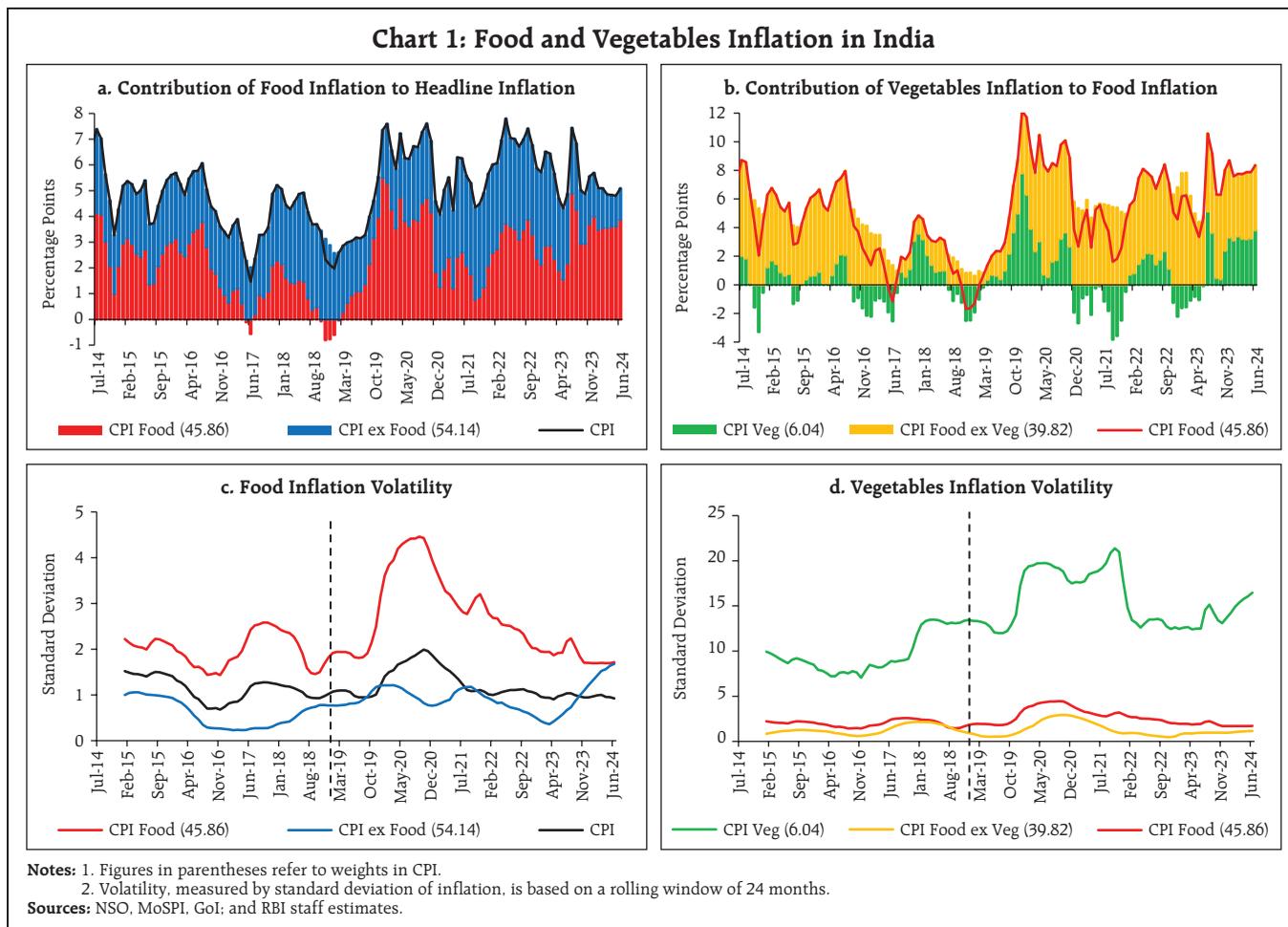
Given the high weight of the food and beverages group in CPI and its large price volatility, food inflation contributed significantly to the headline inflation, driving its peaks and troughs during 2014-2024 (Chart 1a and 1c). Similarly, movements in vegetables inflation significantly influenced food inflation due to its large volatility and weight (Chart 1b and 1d).

After easing since 2014 on improved supply conditions, food inflation increased sharply in 2019-20 on excess rain-induced spike in vegetable prices (RBI, 2020), followed by pandemic-driven supply disruptions in 2020-21 (RBI, 2021). After moderating in 2021-22 on ebbing of global supply chain disruptions, food inflation increased again as a result of unleashed pent-up demand, followed by the geopolitical conflict in Europe, which led to a return of pressures in global food and energy prices (IMF, 2022).

As the adverse effects of the pandemic and the conflict appeared to subside and food prices began to normalise, weather-related disturbances in the form of erratic rainfall and higher temperatures led to supply disturbances and renewed shocks to food prices, especially vegetables, which kept food inflation elevated during 2023-2024. Therefore, weather disturbances have been one of the major factors which led to higher volatility in food, especially the vegetables inflation after 2019 (Chart 1c and 1d).

Vegetables Supply and Weather Anomalies in India

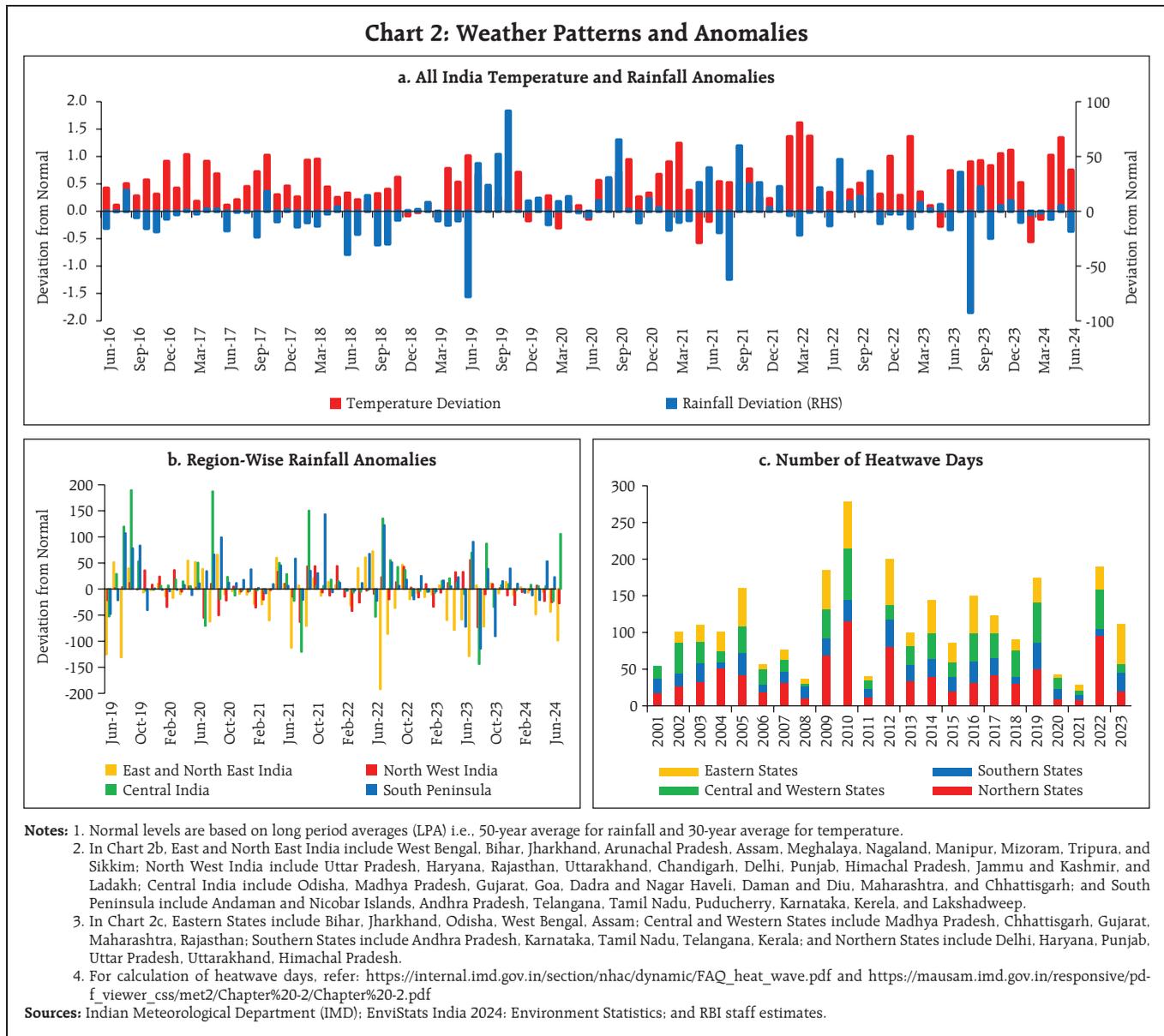
Vegetables are grown majorly across all seasons, with alternative crops having a different frequency of sowing and production cycle across geographical regions. While most crops have a production cycle of around 2-4 months from sowing to harvesting, a few are exceptions, *viz.*, garlic, ginger and lemon, among others (Table A1). In terms of frequency of sowing, brinjal, *palak* and other leafy vegetables are generally grown throughout the year except



for monsoon months. While tomato, onion and potato (TOP) are grown during both *Kharif* and *Rabi* seasons, latter contributes most to their production. Some other crops, such as cauliflower, cabbage, okra and carrot are grown both in the *Rabi* and summer seasons. On the other hand, vegetables such as green chillies, cucumber, bottle gourd and bitter gourd are majorly *Kharif*-grown crops. However, due to the varietal improvement (development of heat and drought-tolerant early maturing varieties), some vegetables are now grown in non-traditional areas and other seasons as well. While *Kharif* crops are more impacted by unseasonal rains due to their occurrence around the monsoon season (RBI, 2023b), *Rabi* and summer crops are more susceptible to temperature fluctuations. Nevertheless, weather

anomalies affect the crops at different stages of growth (Rashid *et al.*, 2020). The resulting movements in production along with other supply-side factors affect market arrivals and drive short-term price movements.

India witnessed multiple episodes of weather shocks which have induced extreme vegetable price movements in the past decade. While large anomalies in rainfall across regions have become more frequent, the incidence of above-normal temperatures has also increased over time in India (Chart 2a, 2b, and 2c). Heatwave episodes during 2015-2016 and 2022 negatively impacted some vegetable crops. In 2022, however, the impact was subdued owing to better reservoir storage and rainfall conditions that year (Bal *et al.*, 2022). Intense heatwaves during April-June

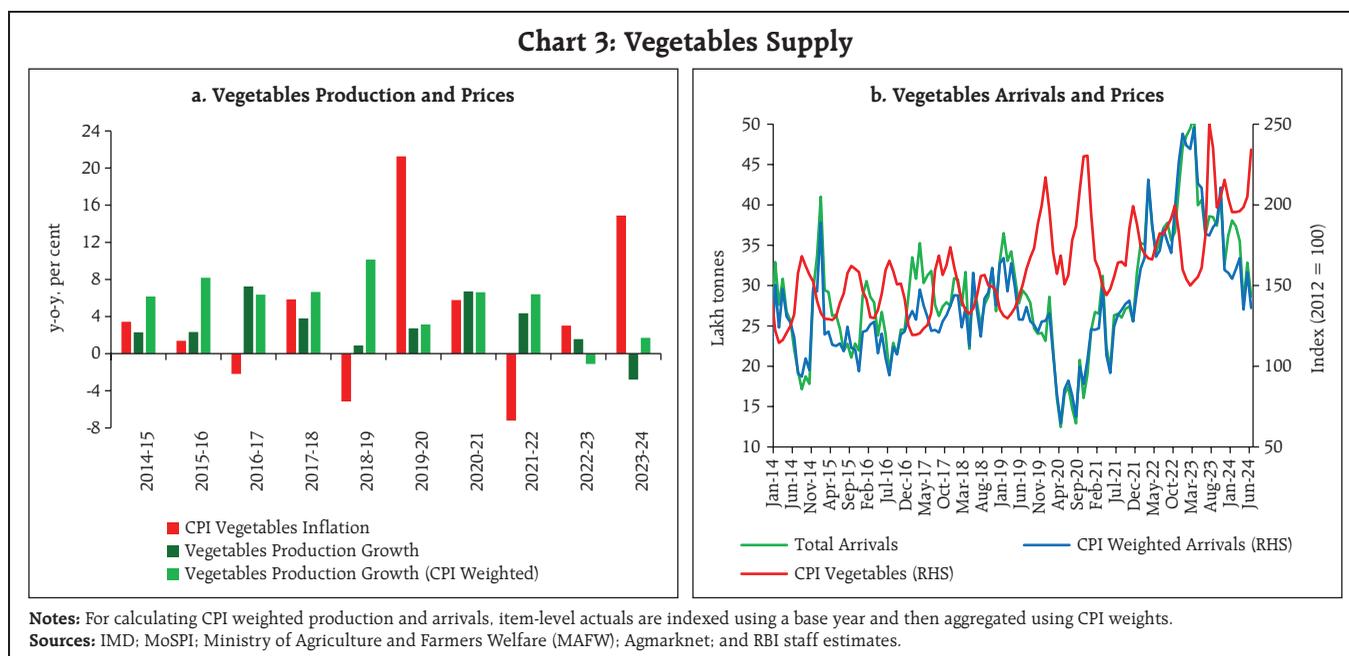


2024⁶ have also adversely affected some vegetable crops in India. Cold waves, though less frequent than heatwaves, also affected vegetable crops in recent past, especially during the 2023-24 winter season in some parts of northern India. Nonetheless, the anomalies in rainfall and temperature reflect the intensity of extreme weather events such as cyclones (Singh *et al.*, 2012), heatwaves and cold

waves, which adversely affect vegetable crops and their prices.

There are numerous instances in India where weather disturbances have led to sharp price pressures in vegetables. One of the extreme weather disturbances occurred in 2019-20 when India witnessed excess and unseasonal rains during winter months, leading to crop losses and supply disruptions in vegetables, especially onion, which resulted in sharp price pressures and an overall increase in

⁶ IMD's updated seasonal outlook for hot weather season April-June 2024, released on April 01, 2024, may be referred.



vegetables inflation (RBI, 2020) [Chart 2b, 3a and 3b]. Inflationary pressures were witnessed in potato also in 2020 due to crop loss and supply disruptions in West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Punjab on cyclonic disturbances, excess rains, and higher temperatures. In another event in 2023-24, excess rains across regions in India in July (Chart 2b), adversely affected vegetable crops, especially tomato, again leading to higher vegetables inflation (RBI, 2023a). Similar price pressures in tomato were witnessed in July 2017, also induced by adverse weather conditions (RBI, 2017). The weather disturbances in 2023-24 including excess rains and higher temperatures led to crop damage in garlic also, which witnessed high inflation during the second half of the year. Furthermore, 2023-24 was an *El Nino* year characterised by below-normal rainfall and lower reservoir levels with higher temperatures⁷, which severely affected vegetable yields, and resultantly, a fall in vegetable production was observed for the first time in a decade (Chart 3a).

⁷ For 2023-24, the rainfall and temperature anomalies were around (-) 6 per cent and 2 per cent, respectively.

Price movements in vegetables are highly affected by the quantum of market arrivals, which are not only impacted by production but also by several other factors, including speculative activities by market players, foreign trade policies and government intervention (Madaan, 2019). During the initial onset of the pandemic and supply chain disruptions on account of nationwide lockdown, market arrivals declined, leading to sharp price pressures in vegetables (Chart 3b).

III. Literature Review

The impact of weather anomalies on agricultural output and food prices has been discussed by several studies around the world. The regular assessment of such impact has high importance for countries like India, where the share of food items in CPI is significant. Available literature suggests that weather anomalies, including changes in rainfall and temperature patterns, potentially influence agricultural production and yields as well as food prices across countries. Using data on local market food prices across 51 countries in the developing world

during 2008-2012, Brown and Kshirsagar (2015) find that local market food prices are affected by domestic weather disturbances in the short run. Odongo *et al.* (2022), using climate data from African Countries, find that the amount of rainfall is one of the major determinants of food inflation. According to Lesk *et al.* (2016), over the period 1964-2007, extreme heat events significantly damaged agricultural production across the globe. Adam *et al.* (2012) suggests that food price inflation is predominantly driven by rainfall deviations from its long-run pattern. Using monthly panel data from India on wholesale food prices from 2004 to 2017, Letta *et al.* (2022) find that drought conditions substantially increase food prices during the crop growth, even before any harvest loss has materialised. Furuya and Kobayashi. (2009) also argue that rising temperatures have a remarkable influence on crop production and varying impact on yields for different crops in different countries or regions.

The impact of weather anomalies, more particularly on vegetables, is also discussed in literature. According to Rashid *et al.* (2020), vegetable crops are highly sensitive to climatic irregularities like changing temperature and precipitation at any phase of crop growth, which can adversely impact crop yield, its quality, and increase risk of pest and disease problems. Yang *et al.* (2022) find that prices of some vegetable varieties are affected by changes in temperature and precipitation in China. Using Mexican data, Gonzalez *et al.* (2023) find that vegetable prices are sensitive to temperature shocks that occur during the growing period and carry detrimental effects on vegetable yields. Using data from the Czech Republic for 1961-2014, Potopová *et al.* (2017) also find that key adverse weather events like heavy rainfall, drought and heat stress affect the vegetable crop yields.

Alongside global literature, several Indian studies are also available in this area. Analyzing major weather-related events in India since 1901, Dilip and Kundu (2020) show that incidence of extreme weather events has increased in the last two decades, with rising temperature levels and volatile precipitation, and finds that the macroeconomic impact of climate change on food inflation has been statistically significant. Ghosh *et al.* (2021) also suggest that natural calamities or extreme weather events impact agricultural yields and food inflation. According to the Economic Survey 2024-25, vegetables are more vulnerable to extreme weather events, like cyclones, heavy rains, thunderstorms, hailstorms, and droughts, which can temporarily affect their prices. Madaan *et al.* (2019) suggest that events of weather disturbances may cause damage to some vegetable crops and such events are often leveraged by traders who exaggerate the problems by hoarding to push-up the prices. Using cross-country data, Venkat and Masters (2022) also find that vegetables are impacted by extreme weather events.

While several studies are limited primarily to discussing the impact of specific extreme weather events on food production and inflation using correlations, causality tests, and dummy analysis due to data limitations, research studying the impact of weather anomalies (which not only reflect extreme weather events but also the recurring deviations from normal weather pattern), focusing specifically on vegetable prices, using multivariate modelling framework remains scarce. Therefore, this study adds to the existing literature by investigating the impact of anomalies in rainfall and temperature levels on vegetable prices in India under a formal multivariate modelling framework and discussing how their impact has changed over time.

IV. Methodology and Empirical Framework

The study investigates the impact of weather anomalies, captured by deviation in rainfall and temperature from their normal levels or long period averages (LPA), on vegetable prices in India for the 10-year period *i.e.*, April 2014 – March 2024. For the impact assessment exercise, movements in market arrivals and reservoir levels are controlled for to carve-out the true and short-term impact of weather anomalies on vegetable prices (Table A2).

As market arrivals are not only impacted by production but several other factors also, including speculative activities by market players, foreign trade policies and government intervention, they are used to control for the impact of factors other than the weather shocks driving vegetable price movements. Given that the sowing area of vegetables under irrigation is large, the gradual movements in reservoir levels have importance for understanding the impact of weather anomalies on vegetables. While the persistent nature of lower reservoir levels can adversely impact irrigation activities and crop growing process, which can affect yields and drive higher price expectations even in absence of short-term weather anomalies, higher reservoir levels can soften the adverse impact of short-term weather anomalies to some extent. Therefore, controlling for the persistent impact of reservoir levels can help in highlighting or carving-out the immediate impact of rainfall and temperature anomalies.

Given the inherent non-stationarity in CPI-vegetables inflation (y-o-y) and to capture short-term movements, CPI-vegetables momentum⁸ has been used as the target variable for the empirical exercise (Table A3). While the vegetable prices and arrivals are used in the momentum form, weather-related variables like rainfall, temperature, and reservoir

⁸ Momentum refers to month-on-month (m-o-m) change in the price index (expressed in per cent).

Table 2: Granger Causality Tests

Period: April 2014 – March 2024

Null Hypothesis	P-Value
Absolute Rainfall Deviation does not Granger Cause CPI Vegetables Momentum	0.099*
Absolute Temperature Deviation does not Granger Cause CPI Vegetables Momentum	0.055*

Note: *, P < 0.10; **, P < 0.05; ***, P < 0.01.

Source: RBI staff estimates.

level are used in deviation from normal⁹. Seasonally adjusted data on CPI-vegetables is used to control for seasonality in vegetable prices. The impact of other exogenous variation and endogeneity has also been accounted for by using alternative lags of the target variable in the empirical exercise.

The empirical exercise is divided into four parts. As an initial check, causality has been identified between the variables using the Granger causality tests (Granger, 1969), which indicate unidirectional causality from weather anomalies to vegetable prices (Table 2), setting the stage to formally investigate the impact of weather anomalies on vegetable prices using alternate modelling approaches.

Under second step, a multiple linear regression modelling framework has been adopted to investigate the statistical significance of weather anomalies in impacting vegetable prices, controlling for movements in market arrivals and reservoir level.

$$\text{General form of the model: } Y_t = C + \sum_1^m \alpha_i Z_{it} + \sum_1^n \beta_i X_{it} + e_t$$

where,

Y_t = Target variable at time t , *i.e.*, CPI Vegetables Momentum,
 Z_{it} represents control variables representing reservoir level deviation and market arrivals momentum

X_{it} represents impact variables representing rainfall and temperature deviation

α and β are coefficients, m and n are number of controls and impact variables, C = Constant term and e_t = Error.

⁹ For reservoir level, normal pattern refers to the long-period average (LPA), *i.e.*, 10-year average.

Third, vector autoregression (VAR) model has also been employed following the similar structure as in the multiple regression model to account for the possible endogeneity in the variables and to check the robustness of the results. The impulse response functions (IRFs) generated from the VAR model can help understand the duration of the impact of weather anomalies on vegetable prices. The VAR model is represented by the following $i = m$ equations:

$$X_{it} = C_i + \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_{j,k} X_{j,t-k} + \sum_{l=1}^w \beta_l Z_{lt} + e_t$$

where,

C_i = Intercept (constant term) for equation i ,
 X_s represent m endogenous variables with lag structure n ,
 Z_s represent w exogenous variables,
 α and β are coefficients of endogenous and exogenous variables, and e_t = Error.

And finally, 60-month rolling window estimates of the regression model are generated to visualise how the impact of weather anomalies on vegetable prices has evolved over time.

V. Results

The multivariate regression¹⁰ results suggest that anomalies in rainfall and temperature have statistically significant effect on vegetable prices (Table 3). The coefficients of the controls, represented by market arrivals and reservoir levels, also turn out to be negative and significant, suggesting that higher market arrivals and reservoir levels help in easing vegetable prices and vice versa. The negative coefficient of the second lag of CPI-Vegetables momentum roughly reflects a two-month crop cycle of vegetables on an average. While market arrivals appear to influence prices in the same period, the reservoir levels seem to take more time to influence prices reflecting the persistence associated with them.

¹⁰ The multicollinearity in the model has been checked for using the variance inflation factors (VIFs).

Table 3: Multivariate Regression Results

Dependent Variable: CPI Vegetables Momentum		Period: April 2014 – March 2024
Variable	Coefficient	
Constant	-0.38 (1.15)	
CPI Vegetables Momentum _{t,1}	0.17** (0.08)	
CPI Vegetables Momentum _{t,2}	-0.21*** (0.07)	
Market Arrivals Index Momentum	-0.06* (0.03)	
Market Arrivals Index Momentum _{t,1}	-0.03 (0.03)	
Market Arrivals Index Momentum _{t,2}	-0.02 (0.03)	
Reservoir Level Deviation	0.02 (0.10)	
Reservoir Level Deviation _{t,1}	0.19 (0.13)	
Reservoir Level Deviation _{t,2}	-0.22** (0.09)	
Rainfall Absolute Deviation	-0.02 (0.02)	
Rainfall Absolute Deviation _{t,1}	-0.02 (0.02)	
Rainfall Absolute Deviation _{t,2}	0.07*** (0.02)	
Temperature Absolute Deviation	-0.97 (1.24)	
Temperature Absolute Deviation _{t,1}	2.60** (1.28)	
Temperature Absolute Deviation _{t,2}	-0.98 (1.27)	
R ²	0.48	
Adjusted R ²	0.41	
Durbin Watson Statistic	1.70	

Notes: 1. The model includes a time dummy for July 2023 when vegetable prices witnessed sharp uptick.
 2. Figures in parentheses are standard errors.
 3. *, P < 0.10; **, P < 0.05; ***, P < 0.01.

Source: RBI staff estimates.

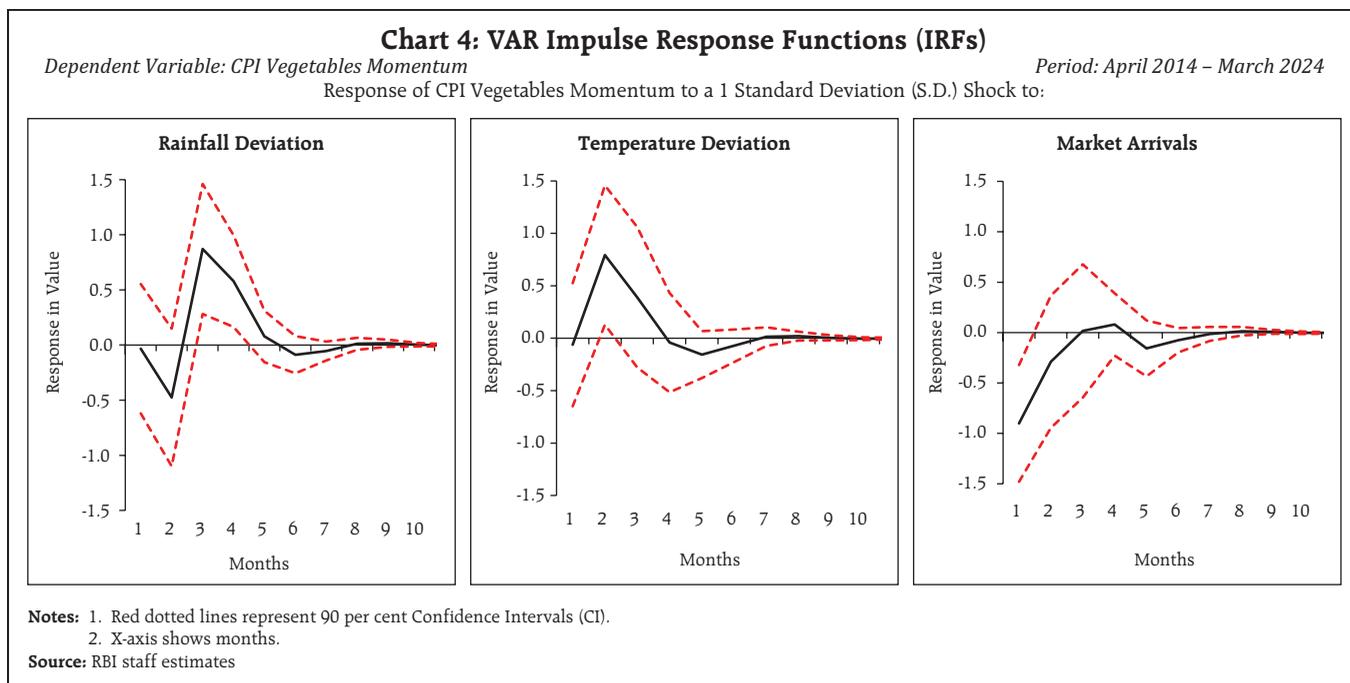
The regression estimates indicate that one-unit increase in rainfall and temperature deviations add 0.07 and 2.60, respectively, to the CPI-Vegetables momentum, on an average. The smaller coefficient of rainfall than that of temperature is a statistical phenomenon, reflecting the large-sized absolute deviations in rainfall (averaging around 17.7 for

the study period) compared to that of temperature (averaging around 0.5 only). Using these average deviations and significant coefficients, the average impact turns out to be around 1.24 and 1.30 percentage points to the CPI-Vegetables momentum from rainfall and temperature anomalies, respectively.

The current price changes, led by movements in market arrivals, can influence farming decisions and further crop sowing, which in turn, can possibly impact the resulting market arrivals in the next cycle. To account for the possible simultaneity and endogeneity across variables and as a robustness check, VAR model¹¹ has also been employed following the similar lag structure as in the multiple regression model. The impulse response functions (IRFs)¹², like earlier results, suggest that shocks to rainfall deviation and temperature deviation carry significant impact on vegetable prices (Chart 4).

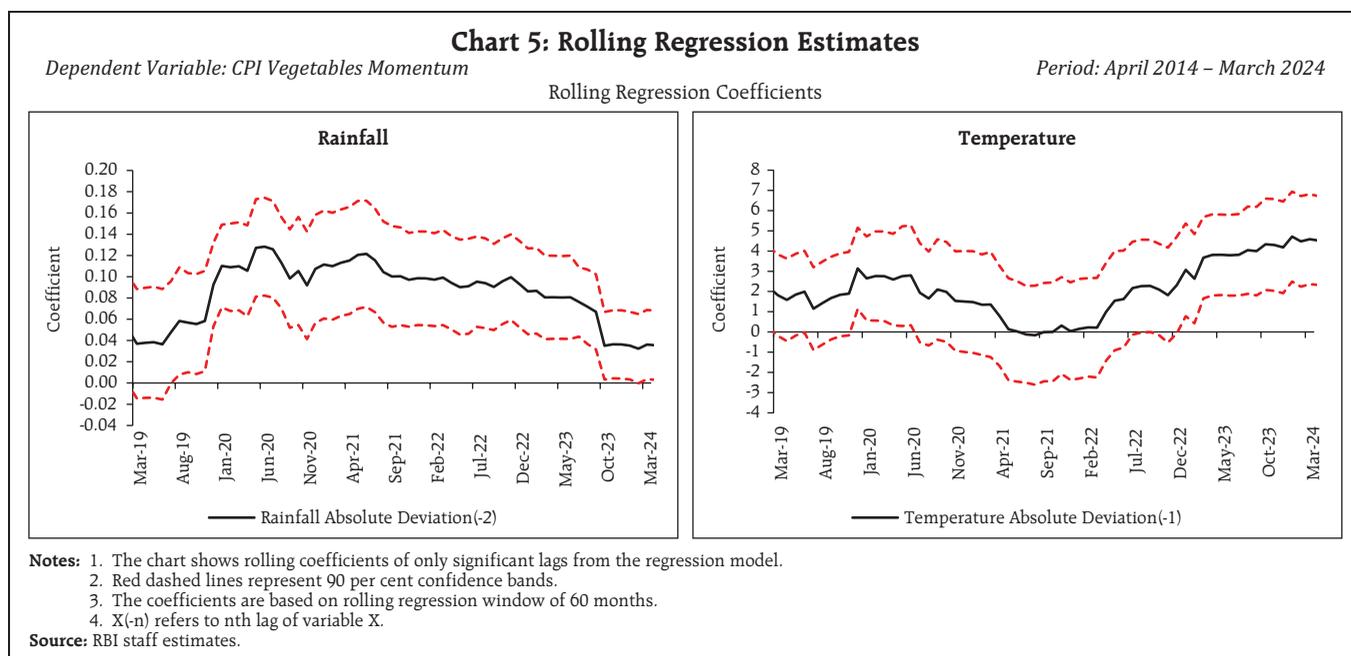
Further, the impact of shocks to rainfall and temperature appears to be different in terms of timing and duration, while their combination can be highly detrimental and inflationary. The temperature anomalies seem to carry a more immediate impact on vegetable prices in comparison to rainfall vagaries. This can be attributed to the fact that abnormal temperatures generally carry direct impact on crop growth process at all stages. On the other hand, the impact of rainfall is more dynamic in nature and may also bring changes to irrigation activities and water availability from other resources over the crop growth period and hence, the repercussions could be seen generally in longer duration.

The rolling estimates of the regression model suggest that the coefficients of both rainfall and temperature deviation have changed over time (Chart 5). The coefficients associated with the significant lags have remained largely positive for the



¹¹ The VAR model contains ordered endogenous variables (Temperature Absolute Deviation, Rainfall Absolute Deviation, Market Arrivals Index Momentum, and CPI Vegetables Momentum), reservoir level deviation and a time dummy for July 2023. The lag structure (2 lags) is based on Akaike information criterion (AIC). The model satisfies the stability condition and the post-estimation diagnostics suggest no homoscedasticity (Chi-square statistic P-value: 0.31) and no serial autocorrelation (LM test P-value: 0.42).

¹² The impulse response functions (IRFs) are orthogonalized and reflect responses to one standard deviation shocks to variables.



whole study period. The coefficient of the significant lag of temperature deviation has increased on sustained basis since 2022 reflecting the increasing importance of temperature movements in influencing vegetable prices.

VI. Conclusion

Tracking and understanding the drivers of food inflation is of high importance in India due to high share of the food and beverages items in CPI and their important macroeconomic and welfare-related implications. While India is the major producer of vegetables in the world, most of the production comes from small and marginal farmers with very little or no safeguard against weather disturbances. Therefore, weather anomalies can potentially cause disturbances to short-term supply of vegetables and induce large price fluctuations, which can drive volatility in food inflation.

Given the high sensitivity of vegetables and their prices to weather shocks in India, which have seen a considerable volatility owing to climate change in recent years, the study investigates the impact of

weather anomalies on vegetable prices and how their impact has changed over time. The empirical results suggest that weather anomalies carry statistical significance, and disturbances in both rainfall and temperatures increase pressures to vegetable prices in India. Moreover, the increasing significance of temperature shocks and their more immediate impact on vegetable prices calls for increased attention towards faster adoption of temperature-resistant crop varieties, which can be supported by policy interventions like National Mission on High Yielding Seeds announced in the Union Budget 2025-26.

The study faces some limitations like unavailability of high frequency data on production and sowing. Moreover, while market arrivals control for major supply-side factors including government interventions, use of dummies to identify for specific government interventions involving certain vegetables can minimise the possibility of omitted variable bias and further enhance the empirical exercise.

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Annex

Table A1: Producing States and Cropping Pattern of Major Vegetables in CPI

CPI Weight	Item	Major Producing States	Sowing Season	Harvesting Time or Cycle Length
0.98	potato	Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, and Gujarat	May-June (Kharif) Mid Sep-Nov (Rabi)	Sep-Nov (Kharif) Dec-Mar (Rabi) (Around 3-4 months)
0.64	onion	Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat, and Rajasthan	Jul-Aug, Oct-Nov (Kharif and Late Kharif) Dec-Jan (Rabi)	Oct-Dec, Jan-Mar (Kharif and Late Kharif) End of Mar-May (Rabi) (Around 3-4 months)
0.57	tomato	Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, and Gujarat	May-July (Kharif) Oct-Feb (Rabi)	July-Nov (Kharif) Dec-Jun (Rabi) (Around 2-3 months)
0.44	palak/other leafy vegetables	Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, West Bengal, and Gujarat	Whole year except December, January, and monsoon months	Around 2 months
0.37	brinjal	West Bengal, Orissa, Gujarat, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh	Whole year except December, March, April, August, and September	Around 2-5 months
0.31	garlic	Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Punjab, and Maharashtra	June-July (Kharif), Sep-Nov (Rabi)	Oct-Nov (Kharif) March-May (Rabi) (Around 4-6 months)
0.28	green chillies	Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu	May-June (Kharif), Sep-Oct (Rabi) Jan-Feb (Summer)	Sep-Oct (Kharif) Jan-Feb (Rabi) May-June (Summer) (Around 3-4 months)
0.25	cauliflower	West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, and Orissa	May-June	Sep-Jan (Around 3-4 months)
0.19	ginger	Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Orissa, West Bengal, and Assam	Feb-May	July-Aug (Around 5-6 months)
0.18	cabbage	West Bengal, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Uttar Pradesh	Aug-Nov	Nov-Dec (Around 3-4 months)

Sources: Horticulture Statistics at a Glance 2018 edition; Agriculture Statistics at a Glance 2022 edition; multiple other online platforms; and RBI staff representation.

Table A2: Information and Sources

Information	Source
CPI Vegetables	National Statistics Office (NSO), MoSPI, GoI
Temperature Rainfall	Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), GoI
Reservoir Level	Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE)
Market Arrivals	Agmarknet, MAFW, GoI

Table A3: Variables and Stationarity

<i>Period: April 2014 – March 2024</i>			
Variable Form	ADF Test Statistic	P-Value	Result
CPI Vegetables Inflation (y-o-y)	-2.51	0.12	Non-stationary
CPI Vegetables Momentum (m-o-m)	-9.12	0.00	Stationary***
Temperature (Absolute Deviation from LPA)	-6.20	0.00	Stationary***
Rainfall (Absolute Deviation from LPA)	-7.90	0.00	Stationary***
Reservoir Level (Deviation from LPA)	-2.95	0.04	Stationary**
Market Arrivals Index Momentum	-8.75	0.00	Stationary***

Notes: 1. Augmented Dickey Fuller Test (ADF) is used for the stationarity checks.

2. *, P < 0.10; **, P < 0.05; ***, P < 0.01.

Source: RBI staff estimates.

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Notes: .. = Not available.

– = Nil/Negligible.

P = Preliminary/Provisional. PR = Partially Revised.

No. 1: Select Economic Indicators

Item	2024-25	2023-24		2024-25	
				Q2	Q3
		1	2	3	4	5
1 Real Sector (% Change)					
1.1 GVA at Basic Prices	6.4	9.2	8.0	5.8	6.2
1.1.1 Agriculture	4.6	3.7	1.5	4.1	5.6
1.1.2 Industry	4.3	15.3	12.6	2.0	3.5
1.1.3 Services	7.5	8.3	8.5	7.4	7.3
1.1a Final Consumption Expenditure	7.1	5.1	5.3	5.6	7.1
1.1b Gross Fixed Capital Formation	6.1	11.7	9.3	5.8	5.7
	2024-25	2024		2025	
	1	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
	1	2	3	4	5
1.2 Index of Industrial Production	4.0	5.6	5.5	2.7	3.0
2 Money and Banking (% Change)					
2.1 Scheduled Commercial Banks					
2.1.1 Deposits	10.6	12.5	12.9	11.1	10.6
	(10.3)	(13.1)	(13.5)	(10.8)	(10.3)
2.1.2 Credit #	12.1	16.6	16.3	12.6	12.1
	(11.0)	(20.5)	(20.2)	(11.6)	(11.0)
2.1.2.1 Non-food Credit #	12.0	16.6	16.3	12.6	12.0
	(11.0)	(20.6)	(20.2)	(11.5)	(11.0)
2.1.3 Investment in Govt. Securities	10.6	11.6	11.1	10.2	10.6
	(9.7)	(13.3)	(12.8)	(9.4)	(9.7)
2.2 Money Stock Measures					
2.2.1 Reserve Money (M0)	4.4	6.1	5.6	5.3	4.4
2.2.2 Broad Money (M3)	9.6	10.9	11.1	9.6	9.6
	(9.4)	(11.4)	(11.6)	(9.4)	(9.4)
3 Ratios (%)					
3.1 Cash Reserve Ratio	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.00
3.2 Statutory Liquidity Ratio	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
3.3 Cash-Deposit Ratio	4.3	4.9	5.0	4.5	4.3
	(4.3)	(4.9)	(5.0)	(4.5)	(4.3)
3.4 Credit-Deposit Ratio	79.1	78.0	78.1	78.7	79.1
	(80.8)	(80.2)	(80.3)	(80.4)	(80.8)
3.5 Incremental Credit-Deposit Ratio #	89.2	97.8	95.8	85.0	89.2
	(86.1)	(117.5)	(113.4)	(82.1)	(86.1)
3.6 Investment-Deposit Ratio	29.5	29.6	29.5	29.4	29.5
	(29.7)	(29.9)	(29.8)	(29.5)	(29.7)
3.7 Incremental Investment-Deposit Ratio	29.5	26.5	25.8	27.8	29.5
	(28.1)	(29.3)	(28.4)	(26.5)	(28.1)
4 Interest Rates (%)					
4.1 Policy Repo Rate	6.25	6.50	6.50	6.25	6.25
4.2 Fixed Reverse Repo Rate	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35
4.3 Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) Rate *	6.00	6.25	6.25	6.00	6.00
4.4 Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate	6.50	6.75	6.75	6.50	6.50
4.5 Bank Rate	6.50	6.75	6.75	6.50	6.50
4.6 Base Rate	9.10/10.40	9.10/10.25	9.10/10.25	9.10/10.40	9.10/10.40
4.7 MCLR (Overnight)	8.15/8.45	8.00/8.60	8.00/8.60	8.15/8.45	8.15/8.45
4.8 Term Deposit Rate >1 Year	6.00/7.25	6.50/7.25	6.50/7.25	6.00/7.25	6.00/7.25
4.9 Savings Deposit Rate	2.70/3.00	2.70/3.00	2.70/3.00	2.70/3.00	2.70/3.00
4.10 Call Money Rate (Weighted Average)	6.35	6.64	6.85	6.33	6.35
4.11 91-Day Treasury Bill (Primary) Yield	6.52	6.96	7.01	6.45	6.52
4.12 182-Day Treasury Bill (Primary) Yield	6.52	7.17	7.14	6.60	6.52
4.13 364-Day Treasury Bill (Primary) Yield	6.47	7.12	7.08	6.54	6.47
4.14 10-Year G-Sec Par Yield (FBIL)	6.62	-	7.07	6.73	6.62
5 Reference Rate and Forward Premia					
5.1 INR-US\$ Spot Rate (Rs. Per Foreign Currency)	85.58	82.89	83.37	87.40	85.58
5.2 INR-Euro Spot Rate (Rs. Per Foreign Currency)	92.32	89.71	90.22	90.78	92.32
5.3 Forward Premia of US\$ 1-month (%)	3.12	1.19	1.00	3.21	3.12
3-month (%)	2.56	1.51	1.11	2.46	2.56
6-month (%)	2.28	1.50	1.31	2.20	2.28
6 Inflation (%)					
6.1 All India Consumer Price Index	4.6	5.1	4.9	3.6	3.3
6.2 Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers	3.39	4.9	4.2	2.6	3.0
6.3 Wholesale Price Index	2.3	0.2	0.3	2.4	2.0
6.3.1 Primary Articles	5.2	4.6	4.6	2.9	0.8
6.3.2 Fuel and Power	-1.3	-1.7	-2.7	-1.0	0.2
6.3.3 Manufactured Products	1.7	-1.3	-0.8	3.0	3.1
7 Foreign Trade (% Change)					
7.1 Imports	6.2	13.7	-6.4	-16.3	11.4
7.2 Exports	0.1	11.9	-0.6	-11.1	0.7

Note : Financial Benchmark India Pvt. Ltd. (FBIL) has commenced publication of the G-Sec benchmarks with effect from March 31, 2018 as per RBI circular FMRD.DIRD. 7/14.03.025/2017-18 dated March 31, 2018. FBIL has started dissemination of reference rates w.e.f. July 10, 2018.

#: Bank credit growth and related ratios for all fortnights from December 3, 2021 to November 18, 2022 are adjusted for past reporting errors by select scheduled commercial banks (SCBs).

Figures in parentheses include the impact of merger of a non-bank with a bank.

*: As per Press Release No. 2022-2023/41 dated April 08, 2022.

Reserve Bank of India

No. 2: RBI - Liabilities and Assets *

(₹ Crore)

Item	As on the Last Friday/ Friday						
	2024-25	2024	2025				
		Apr.	Mar. 28	Apr. 04	Apr. 11	Apr. 18	Apr. 25
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 Issue Department							
1.1 Liabilities							
1.1.1 Notes in Circulation	3683836	3532891	3683836	3703352	3743978	3750841	3760619
1.1.2 Notes held in Banking Department	11	11	11	13	13	16	14
1.1/1.2 Total Liabilities (Total Notes Issued) or Assets	3683847	3532901	3683847	3703365	3743990	3750858	3760633
1.2 Assets							
1.2.1 Gold	235379	172260	235379	239493	243736	255587	255167
1.2.2 Foreign Securities	3448129	3360359	3448129	3463575	3500029	3495086	3505174
1.2.3 Rupee Coin	340	282	340	297	226	185	292
1.2.4 Government of India Rupee Securities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Banking Department							
2.1 Liabilities							
2.1.1 Deposits	1709285	1622446	1709285	1521316	1432129	1433897	1483243
2.1.1.1 Central Government	100	101	100	101	100	100	101
2.1.1.2 Market Stabilisation Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.1.1.3 State Governments	42	43	42	42	43	42	42
2.1.1.4 Scheduled Commercial Banks	943060	1017716	943060	930337	930387	909269	947351
2.1.1.5 Scheduled State Co-operative Banks	7776	8776	7776	7526	7927	7845	8398
2.1.1.6 Non-Scheduled State Co-operative Banks	5963	5589	5963	5813	5598	5671	5324
2.1.1.7 Other Banks	46963	49381	46963	46525	47365	47098	47540
2.1.1.8 Others	593085	405934	593085	416072	332074	367591	375176
2.1.1.9 Financial Institution Outside India	112296	134905	112296	114900	108636	96280	99311
2.1.2 Other Liabilities	2150508	1742033	2150508	2213279	2286477	2316139	2331242
2.1/2.2 Total Liabilities or Assets	3859793	3364479	3859793	3734595	3718607	3750036	3814485
2.2 Assets							
2.2.1 Notes and Coins	11	11	11	13	13	16	14
2.2.2 Balances Held Abroad	1413591	1344423	1413591	1462404	1480929	1475685	1488168
2.2.3 Loans and Advances							
2.2.3.1 Central Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.2.3.2 State Governments	26284	13284	26284	38299	35191	36792	22324
2.2.3.3 Scheduled Commercial Banks	251984	209301	251984	60031	5779	24763	23088
2.2.3.4 Scheduled State Co-op.Banks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.2.3.5 Industrial Dev. Bank of India	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.2.3.6 NABARD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.2.3.7 EXIM Bank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.2.3.8 Others	36426	9203	36426	19572	16382	17484	19919
2.2.3.9 Financial Institution Outside India	111768	133974	111768	114611	108402	96074	99355
2.2.4 Bills Purchased and Discounted							
2.2.4.1 Internal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.2.4.2 Government Treasury Bills	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.2.5 Investments	1560630	1358263	1560630	1589553	1614007	1619632	1682492
2.2.6 Other Assets	459101	296019	459101	450112	457904	479589	479126
2.2.6.1 Gold	429510	290621	429510	437017	444760	466385	465619

* Data are provisional.

No. 3: Liquidity Operations by RBI

(₹ Crore)

Date	Liquidity Adjustment Facility						Standing Liquidity Facilities	OMO (Outright)		Net Injection (+)/ Absorption (-) (1+3+5+7+9-2-4-6-8)
	Repo	Reverse Repo	Variable Rate Repo	Variable Rate Reverse Repo	MSF	SDF		Sale	Purchase	
	1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8		9	10
Mar. 1, 2025	-	-	-	-	5761	118757	-	-	-	-112996
Mar. 2, 2025	-	-	-	-	5797	122853	-	-	-	-117056
Mar. 3, 2025	-	-	16557	-	8802	148673	-	-	-	-123314
Mar. 4, 2025	-	-	5855	-	143	217894	-793	-	-	-212689
Mar. 5, 2025	-	-	5089	-	189	183358	244	-	-	-177836
Mar. 6, 2025	-	-	4442	-	1687	180550	-1227	-	-	-175648
Mar. 7, 2025	-	-	12345	-	4651	126042	1227	-	-	-107819
Mar. 8, 2025	-	-	-	-	488	51708	-	-	-	-51220
Mar. 9, 2025	-	-	-	-	930	52707	-	-	-	-51777
Mar. 10, 2025	-	-	29489	-	1179	85688	-9	-	-	-55029
Mar. 11, 2025	-	-	15791	-	39	110470	-531	-	-	-95171
Mar. 12, 2025	-	-	18186	-	587	79966	-	-	-	-61193
Mar. 13, 2025	-	-	59868	-	239	105973	1437	-	50000	5571
Mar. 14, 2025	-	-	-	-	25559	58429	-	-	-	-32870
Mar. 15, 2025	-	-	-	-	15179	62983	-	-	-	-47804
Mar. 16, 2025	-	-	-	-	13186	60480	-	-	-	-47294
Mar. 17, 2025	-	-	123778	-	490	91999	-	-	-	32269
Mar. 18, 2025	-	-	52693	-	6187	67244	-	-	10	-8354
Mar. 19, 2025	-	-	139162	-	50	144937	-	-	50000	44275
Mar. 20, 2025	-	-	124009	-	514	126407	-449	-	-	-2333
Mar. 21, 2025	-	-	142785	-	9961	138956	523	-	-	14313
Mar. 22, 2025	-	-	-	-	10754	77952	-	-	-	-67198
Mar. 23, 2025	-	-	-	-	11357	79450	-	-	-	-68093
Mar. 24, 2025	-	-	66215	-	279	111728	-	-	-	-45234
Mar. 25, 2025	-	-	95653	-	389	177285	0	-	-	-81243
Mar. 26, 2025	-	-	35486	-	1364	188543	-	-	44541	-107152
Mar. 27, 2025	-	-	21392	-	1114	201622	-335	-	-	-179451
Mar. 28, 2025	-	-	88424	-	7840	279056	-	-	-	-182792
Mar. 29, 2025	-	-	-	-	11653	357727	-	-	-	-346074
Mar. 30, 2025	-	-	-	-	7372	316691	-	-	-	-309319
Mar. 31, 2025	-	-	-	-	8244	385176	-	-	-	-376932

No. 4: Sale/ Purchase of U.S. Dollar by the RBI**i) Operations in onshore / offshore OTC segment**

Item	2023-24	2024	2025	
		Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
	1	2	3	4
1 Net Purchase/ Sale of Foreign Currency (US \$ Million) (1.1-1.2)	41271	13249	-1621	14355
1.1 Purchase (+)	194296	14841	45030	41515
1.2 Sale (-)	153025	1592	46651	27160
2 ₹ equivalent at contract rate (₹ Crores)	339528	110023	-14024	124586
3 Cumulative (over end-March) (US \$ Million)	41271	41271	-48866	-34511
(₹ Crore)	339528	339528	-415819	-291233
4 Outstanding Net Forward Sales (-)/ Purchase (+) at the end of month (US \$ Million)	-541	-541	-88753	-84345

ii) Operations in currency futures segment

Item	2023-24	2024	2025	
		Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
	1	2	3	4
1 Net Purchase/ Sale of Foreign Currency (US \$ Million) (1.1-1.2)	0	0	0	0
1.1 Purchase (+)	7930	0	4071	1202
1.2 Sale (-)	7930	0	4071	1202
2 Outstanding Net Currency Futures Sales (-)/ Purchase (+) at the end of month (US \$ Million)	-1080	-1080	-1002	0

**No. 4 A : Maturity Breakdown (by Residual Maturity) of
Outstanding Forwards of RBI (US \$ Million)**

Item	As on March 31 , 2025		
	Long (+)	Short (-)	Net (1-2)
	1	2	3
1. Upto 1 month	0	11770	-11770
2. More than 1 month and upto 3 months	0	12185	-12185
3. More than 3 months and upto 1 year	0	40290	-40290
4. More than 1 year	0	20100	-20100
Total (1+2+3+4)	0	84345	-84345

No. 5: RBI's Standing Facilities

(₹ Crore)

Item	As on the Last Reporting Friday							
	2024-25	2024			2025			
		Apr. 19	Nov. 29	Dec. 27	Jan. 24	Feb. 21	Mar. 21	Apr. 18
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 MSF	9961	3238	18513	31127	3232	500	9961	2003
2 Export Credit Refinance for Scheduled Banks								
2.1 Limit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.2 Outstanding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Liquidity Facility for PDs								
3.1 Limit	9900	9900	9900	9900	9900	9900	9900	14900
3.2 Outstanding	9517	8770	8428	8459	9556	9096	9517	7999
4 Others								
4.1 Limit	76000	76000	76000	76000	76000	76000	76000	76000
4.2 Outstanding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Total Outstanding (1+2.2+3.2+4.2)	19478	12008	26941	39586	12788	9596	19478	10002

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No. 6: Money Stock Measures

(₹ Crore)

Item	Outstanding as on March 31/last reporting Fridays of the month/ reporting Fridays				
	2023-24	2024	2025		
		Mar. 22	Feb. 21	Mar. 07	Mar. 21
	1	2	3	4	5
1 Currency with the Public (1.1 + 1.2 + 1.3 – 1.4)	3410276	3418888	3558434	3589488	3620845
1.1 Notes in Circulation	3477795	3486650	3614508	3646896	3677221
1.2 Circulation of Rupee Coin	32689	32455	35274	35563	35563
1.3 Circulation of Small Coins	743	743	743	743	743
1.4 Cash on Hand with Banks	101185	101185	92995	94722	93696
2 Deposit Money of the Public	2681424	2671710	2778287	2792042	2950448
2.1 Demand Deposits with Banks	2586888	2586888	2664975	2683258	2840023
2.2 'Other' Deposits with Reserve Bank	94536	84822	113312	108784	110426
3 M1 (1 + 2)	6091700	6090599	6336721	6381530	6571293
4 Post Office Saving Bank Deposits	195777	195777	201999	201999	201999
5 M2 (3 + 4)	6287477	6286376	6538720	6583529	6773292
6 Time Deposits with Banks	18739918	18739918	20515359	20725726	20643062
	(18848160)	(18848160)	(20577221)	(20786318)	(20702508)
7 M3 (3 + 6)	24831618	24830516	26852080	27107256	27214355
	(24939860)	(24938759)	(26913942)	(27167848)	(27273801)
8 Total Post Office Deposits	1313366	1313366	1395485	1395485	1395485
9 M4 (7 + 8)	26144984	26143882	28247565	28502741	28609840
	(26253226)	(26252125)	(28309427)	(28563333)	(28669286)

Figures in parentheses include the impact of merger of a non-bank with a bank.

No. 7 : Sources of Money Stock (M₃)

(₹ Crore)

Sources	Outstanding as on March 31/last reporting Fridays of the month/reporting Fridays				
	2023-24	2024	2025		
		Mar. 22	Feb. 21	Mar. 07	Mar. 21
	1	2	3	4	5
1 Net Bank Credit to Government	7512016	7313197	8099668	8267354	8135829
1 Net Bank Credit to Government (Including Merger)	(7603571)	(7404752)	(8150550)	(8318035)	(8183590)
1.1 RBI's net credit to Government (1.1.1-1.1.2)	1193213	994394	1193390	1274550	1180870
1.1.1 Claims on Government	1370428	1374532	1421675	1440241	1528323
1.1.1.1 Central Government	1363828	1361281	1399564	1400557	1509131
1.1.1.2 State Governments	6600	13251	22112	39684	19192
1.1.2 Government deposits with RBI	177215	380138	228285	165692	347453
1.1.2.1 Central Government	177172	380096	228243	165649	347411
1.1.2.2 State Governments	42	42	42	42	42
1.2 Other Banks' Credit to Government	6318803	6318803	6906278	6992805	6954959
1.2 Other Banks Credit to Government (Including Merger)	(6410358)	(6410358)	(6957160)	(7043485)	(7002720)
2 Bank Credit to Commercial Sector	16672145	16669610	18368384	18508695	18644339
2 Bank Credit to Commercial Sector (Including Merger)	(17202832)	(17200297)	(18801586)	(18935425)	(19065706)
2.1 RBI's credit to commercial sector	14406	11871	28593	26944	35823
2.2 Other banks' credit to commercial sector	16657739	16657739	18339790	18481752	18608516
2.2 Other banks credit to commercial sector (Including Merger)	(17188426)	(17188426)	(18772993)	(18908482)	(19029883)
2.2.1 Bank credit by commercial banks	15901477	15901477	17556777	17698683	17822605
2.2.1 Bank credit by commercial banks (Including Merger)	(16432164)	(16432164)	(17989979)	(18125413)	(18243972)
2.2.2 Bank credit by co-operative banks	738194	738194	764165	764273	766659
2.2.3 Investments by commercial and co-operative banks in other securities	18068	18068	18849	18796	19252
2.2.3 Investments by commercial and co-operative banks in other securities (Including Merger)	(18068)	(18068)	(18849)	(18796)	(19252)
3 Net Foreign Exchange Assets of Banking Sector (3.1 + 3.2)	5567504	5533042	5873487	5998916	5977361
3.1 RBIs net foreign exchange assets (3.1.1 - 3.1.2)	5241083	5206621	5396630	5522059	5500504
3.1.1 Gross foreign assets	5241083	5206621	5396628	5522050	5500509
3.1.2 Foreign liabilities	0	0	-2	-10	5
3.2 Other banks' net foreign exchange assets	326421	326421	476857	476857	476857
4 Government's Currency Liabilities to the Public	33432	33198	36017	36306	36306
5 Banking Sector's Net Non-monetary Liabilities	4953478	4718531	5525477	5704016	5579480
5 Banking Sectors Net Non-monetary Liabilities (Including Merger)	(5467477)	(5232530)	(5947698)	(6120834)	(5989161)
5.1 Net non-monetary liabilities of RBI	1790134	1774933	2108450	2178275	2159098
5.2 Net non-monetary liabilities of other banks (residual)	3163344	2943598	3417026	3525741	3420382
5.2 Net non-monetary liabilities of other banks (residual) (Including Merger)	(3677343)	(3457597)	(3839248)	(3942559)	(3830063)
M₃(1+2+3+4-5)	24831618	24830516	26852080	27107256	27214355
M ₃ (1+2+3+4-5) (Including Merger)	(24939860)	(24938759)	(26913942)	(27167848)	(27273801)

Figures in parentheses include the impact of merger of a non-bank with bank.

No. 8: Monetary Survey

(₹ Crore)

Item	Outstanding as on March 31/last reporting Fridays of the month/reporting Fridays				
	2023-24	2024	2025		
		Mar. 22	Feb. 21	Mar. 07	Mar. 21
	1	2	3	4	5
Monetary Aggregates					
NM ₁ (1.1+1.2.1+1.3)	6091700	6090599	6336721	6381530	6571293
NM ₂ (NM ₁ + 1.2.2.1)	14424855	14423753	15437569	15576532	15729149
NM ₂ (NM ₁ + 1.2.2.1) (Including Merger)	(14473564)	(14472462)	(15465407)	(15603798)	(15755900)
NM ₃ (NM ₂ + 1.2.2.2 + 1.4 = 2.1 + 2.2 + 2.3 - 2.4 - 2.5)	25387764	25386662	27461802	27753975	27837333
NM ₃ (NM ₂ + 1.2.2.2 + 1.4 = 2.1 + 2.2 + 2.3 - 2.4 - 2.5) (Including Merger)	(25496006)	(25494905)	(27523665)	(27814568)	(27896780)
1 Components					
1.1 Currency with the Public	3410276	3418888	3558434	3589488	3620845
1.2 Aggregate Deposits of Residents	21105009	21105009	22889082	23116596	23190815
1.2 Aggregate Deposits of Residents (Including Merger)	(21213252)	(21213252)	(22950944)	(23177188)	(23250261)
1.2.1 Demand Deposits	2586888	2586888	2664975	2683258	2840023
1.2.2 Time Deposits of Residents	18518121	18518121	20224106	20433338	20350792
1.2.2 Time Deposits of Residents (Including Merger)	(18626364)	(18626364)	(20285969)	(20493930)	(20410239)
1.2.2.1 Short-term Time Deposits	8333155	8333155	9100848	9195002	9157856
1.2.2.1 Short-term Time Deposits (Including Merger)	(8381864)	(8381864)	(9128686)	(9222269)	(9184607)
1.2.2.1.1 Certificates of Deposits (CDs)	369399	369399	513746	507672	527375
1.2.2.2 Long-term Time Deposits	10184967	10184967	11123259	11238336	11192936
1.2.2.2 Long-term Time Deposits (Including Merger)	(10244500)	(10244500)	(11157283)	(11271662)	(11225631)
1.3 'Other' Deposits with RBI	94536	84822	113312	108784	110426
1.4 Call/Term Funding from Financial Institutions	777942	777942	900975	939108	915248
2 Sources					
2.1 Domestic Credit	25295986	25094632	27689018	27959294	28003657
2.1 Domestic Credit (Including Merger)	(25918227)	(25716874)	(28173102)	(28436705)	(28472785)
2.1.1 Net Bank Credit to the Government	7512016	7313197	8099668	8267354	8135829
2.1.1 Net Bank Credit to the Government (Including Merger)	(7603571)	(7404752)	(8150550)	(8318035)	(8183590)
2.1.1.1 Net RBI credit to the Government	1193213	994394	1193390	1274550	1180870
2.1.1.2 Credit to the Government by the Banking System	6318803	6318803	6906278	6992805	6954959
2.1.1.2 Credit to the Government by the Banking System (Including Merger)	(6410358)	(6410358)	(6957160)	(7043485)	(7002720)
2.1.2 Bank Credit to the Commercial Sector	17783970	17781435	19589350	19691940	19867828
2.1.2 Bank Credit to the Commercial Sector (Including Merger)	(18314656)	(18312122)	(20022553)	(20118670)	(20289195)
2.1.2.1 RBI Credit to the Commercial Sector	14406	11871	28593	26944	35823
2.1.2.2 Credit to the Commercial Sector by the Banking System	17769564	17769564	19560757	19664997	19832006
2.1.2.2 Credit to the Commercial Sector by the Banking System (Including Merger)	(18300250)	(18300250)	(19993959)	(20091726)	(20253372)
2.1.2.2.1 Other Investments (Non-SLR Securities)	1089184	1089184	1206485	1165442	1208294
2.2 Government's Currency Liabilities to the Public	33432	33198	36017	36306	36306
2.3 Net Foreign Exchange Assets of the Banking Sector	5111079	5076617	5428386	5525083	5555018
2.3.1 Net Foreign Exchange Assets of the RBI	5241083	5206621	5396630	5522059	5500504
2.3.2 Net Foreign Currency Assets of the Banking System	-130004	-130004	31756	3024	54514
2.4 Capital Account	3912897	4013348	4551061	4585348	4550842
2.5 Other items (net)	1653834	1318436	1562779	1598178	1616487

Figures in parentheses include the impact of merger of a non-bank with a bank.

No. 9: Liquidity Aggregates

(₹ Crore)

Aggregates	2023-24	2024	2025		
		Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
	1	2	3	4	5
1 NM₃	25387764	25387764	27294849	27461802	27837333
	(25496006)	(25496006)	(27359088)	(27523665)	(27896780)
2 Postal Deposits	729246	729246	739921	739921	739921
3 L₁ (1 + 2)	26117010	26117010	28034770	28201723	28577254
	(26225252)	(26225252)	(28099009)	(28263586)	(28636701)
4 Liabilities of Financial Institutions	85150	85150	75298	80416	95148
4.1 Term Money Borrowings	2375	2375	16	16	10
4.2 Certificates of Deposit	70245	70245	61430	66365	80810
4.3 Term Deposits	12531	12531	13852	14035	14328
5 L₂ (3 + 4)	26202160	26202160	28110068	28282140	28672403
	(26310403)	(26310403)	(28174307)	(28344002)	(28731849)
6 Public Deposits with Non-Banking Financial Companies	102994	102994	..	..	121178
7 L₃ (5 + 6)	26305155	26305155	..	..	28793581

Note : 1. Figures in the columns might not add up to the total due to rounding off of numbers.

2. Figures in parentheses include the impact of merger of a non-bank with a bank.

No. 10: Reserve Bank of India Survey

(₹ Crore)

Item	Outstanding as on March 31/last reporting Fridays of the month/reporting Fridays				
	2023-24	2024	2025		
		Mar. 22	Feb. 21	Mar. 7	Mar. 21
	1	2	3	4	5
1 Components					
1.1 Currency in Circulation	3511461	3520074	3651428	3684210	3714541
1.2 Bankers' Deposits with the RBI	1025449	993822	947488	946174	941950
1.2.1 Scheduled Commercial Banks	956011	931483	888462	887267	882415
1.3 'Other' Deposits with the RBI	94536	84822	113312	108784	110426
Reserve Money (1.1 + 1.2 + 1.3 = 2.1 + 2.2 + 2.3 - 2.4 - 2.5)	4631446	4598718	4712228	4739168	4766917
2 Sources					
2.1 RBI's Domestic Credit	1147066	1133832	1388031	1359078	1389205
2.1.1 Net RBI credit to the Government	1193213	994394	1193390	1274550	1180870
2.1.1.1 Net RBI credit to the Central Government (2.1.1.1.1 + 2.1.1.1.2 + 2.1.1.1.3 + 2.1.1.1.4 - 2.1.1.1.5)	1186655	981186	1171321	1234908	1161720
2.1.1.1.1 Loans and Advances to the Central Government	-	-	-	-	-
2.1.1.1.2 Investments in Treasury Bills	-	-	-	-	-
2.1.1.1.3 Investments in dated Government Securities	1363369	1360996	1399251	1400195	1508724
2.1.1.1.3.1 Central Government Securities	1363369	1360996	1399251	1400195	1508724
2.1.1.1.4 Rupee Coins	459	285	313	362	407
2.1.1.1.5 Deposits of the Central Government	177172	380096	228243	165649	347411
2.1.1.2 Net RBI credit to State Governments	6557	13209	22069	39642	19150
2.1.2 RBI's Claims on Banks	-60553	127566	166048	57585	172512
2.1.2.1 Loans and Advances to Scheduled Commercial Banks	-60553	127566	166048	57585	172512
2.1.3 RBI's Credit to Commercial Sector	14406	11871	28593	26944	35823
2.1.3.1 Loans and Advances to Primary Dealers	9358	9810	9096	8547	9517
2.1.3.2 Loans and Advances to NABARD	-	-	-	-	-
2.2 Government's Currency Liabilities to the Public	33432	33198	36017	36306	36306
2.3 Net Foreign Exchange Assets of the RBI	5241083	5206621	5396630	5522059	5500504
2.3.1 Gold	439319	429410	646668	645780	664219
2.3.2 Foreign Currency Assets	4801764	4777211	4749960	4876269	4836289
2.4 Capital Account	1589134	1689585	1950057	1984654	1944763
2.5 Other Items (net)	201000	85348	158394	193621	214335

No. 11: Reserve Money - Components and Sources

(₹ Crore)

Item	Outstanding as on March 31/last Fridays of the month/Fridays						
	2023-24	2024	2025				
		Mar. 29	Feb. 28	Mar. 7	Mar. 14	Mar. 21	Mar. 28
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Reserve Money (1.1 + 1.2 + 1.3 = 2.1 + 2.2 + 2.3 + 2.4 + 2.5 - 2.6)	4631446	4682348	4750684	4739168	4789062	4766917	4836336
1 Components							
1.1 Currency in Circulation	3511461	3515765	3651880	3684210	3700317	3714541	3720468
1.2 Bankers' Deposits with RBI	1025449	1073846	986086	946174	979644	941950	1003762
1.3 'Other' Deposits with RBI	94536	92737	112718	108784	109101	110426	112106
2 Sources							
2.1 Net Reserve Bank Credit to Government	1193213	1134602	1274102	1274550	1182690	1180870	1388403
2.2 Reserve Bank Credit to Banks	-60553	49882	132244	57585	192593	172512	-27049
2.3 Reserve Bank Credit to Commercial Sector	14406	14457	30888	26944	31588	35823	38467
2.4 Net Foreign Exchange Assets of RBI	5241083	5234023	5432063	5522059	5528919	5500504	5526072
2.5 Government's Currency Liabilities to the Public	33432	33432	36306	36306	36306	36306	36632
2.6 Net Non- Monetary Liabilities of RBI	1790134	1784048	2154920	2178275	2183034	2159098	2126189

No. 12: Commercial Bank Survey

(₹ Crore)

Item	Outstanding as on last reporting Fridays of the month/ reporting Fridays of the month				
	2023-24	2024		2025	
		Mar. 22	Feb. 21	Mar. 7	Mar. 21
	1	2	3	4	5
1 Components					
1.1 Aggregate Deposits of Residents	20145188 (20253430)	20145188 (20253430)	21931190 (21993052)	22157138 (22217730)	22228885 (22288331)
1.1.1 Demand Deposits	2443853	2443853	2524095	2541477	2698049
1.1.2 Time Deposits of Residents	17701334 (17809577)	17701334 (17809577)	19407095 (19468957)	19615661 (19676253)	19530836 (19590283)
1.1.2.1 Short-term Time Deposits	7965600	7965600	8733193	8827048	8788876
1.1.2.1.1 Certificates of Deposits (CDs)	369399	369399	513746	507672	527375
1.1.2.2 Long-term Time Deposits	9735734	9735734	10673902	10788614	10741960
1.2 Call/Term Funding from Financial Institutions	777942	777942	900975	939108	915248
2 Sources					
2.1 Domestic Credit	23019606 (23641847)	23019606 (23641847)	25369193 (25853277)	25559868 (26037278)	25687563 (26156690)
2.1.1 Credit to the Government	6014054 (6105610)	6014054 (6105610)	6599626 (6650507)	6686146 (6736826)	6649537 (6697298)
2.1.2 Credit to the Commercial Sector	17005551 (17536238)	17005551 (17536238)	18769567 (19202770)	18873722 (19300452)	19038025 (19459392)
2.1.2.1 Bank Credit	15901477 (16432164)	15901477 (16432164)	17556777 (17989979)	17698683 (18125413)	17822605 (18243972)
2.1.2.1.1 Non-food Credit	15878397 (16409083)	15878397 (16409083)	17509329 (17942532)	17656131 (18082860)	17786074 (18207441)
2.1.2.2 Net Credit to Primary Dealers	22904	22904	14744	18066	15458
2.1.2.3 Investments in Other Approved Securities	949	949	524	494	630
2.1.2.4 Other Investments (in non-SLR Securities)	1080222	1080222	1197522	1156480	1199332
2.2 Net Foreign Currency Assets of Commercial Banks (2.2.1-2.2.2-2.2.3)	-130004	-130004	31756	3024	54514
2.2.1 Foreign Currency Assets	241661	241661	501065	469122	529621
2.2.2 Non-resident Foreign Currency Repatriable Fixed Deposits	221796	221796	291252	292388	292270
2.2.3 Overseas Foreign Currency Borrowings	149868	149868	178057	173710	182837
2.3 Net Bank Reserves (2.3.1+2.3.2-2.3.3)	893350	893350	803573	912811	791777
2.3.1 Balances with the RBI	931483	931483	888462	887267	882415
2.3.2 Cash in Hand	89433	89433	81159	83129	81874
2.3.3 Loans and Advances from the RBI	127566	127566	166048	57585	172512
2.4 Capital Account	2299592	2299592	2576834	2576523	2581908
2.5 Other items (net) (2.1+2.2+2.3-2.4-1.1-1.2)	560230	560230	795524	802934	807812
2.5.1 Other Demand and Time Liabilities (net of 2.2.3)	787560	787560	843551	881017	878795
2.5.2 Net Inter-Bank Liabilities (other than to PDs)	197781	197781	117527	118029	118268

Figures in parentheses include the impact of merger of a non-bank with a bank.

No. 13: Scheduled Commercial Banks' Investments

(₹ Crore)

Item	As on March 21, 2025	2024		2025	
		Mar. 22	Feb. 21	Mar. 07	Mar. 21
	1	2	3	4	5
1 SLR Securities	6697928 (6650167)	6106558 (6015003)	6651031 (6600150)	6737320 (6686640)	6697928 (6650167)
2 Other Government Securities (Non-SLR)	165500	177136	163938	144782	165500
3 Commercial Paper	63163	61175	56570	56339	63163
4 Shares issued by					
4.1 PSUs	13874	8475	12782	13668	13874
4.2 Private Corporate Sector	95984	77722	96188	95784	95984
4.3 Others	7664	5624	7518	7668	7664
5 Bonds/Debentures issued by					
5.1 PSUs	130773	103070	125744	127476	130773
5.2 Private Corporate Sector	247672	287596	237306	242815	247672
5.3 Others	149974	124690	156217	154483	149974
6 Instruments issued by					
6.1 Mutual funds	119863	62499	145589	118756	119863
6.2 Financial institutions	204865	172340	195618	194708	204865

Note: Data against column Nos. (1), (2) & (3) are Final and for column Nos. (4) & (5) data are Provisional.

1. Data since July 14, 2023 include the impact of the merger of a non-bank with a bank.

2. Figures in parentheses exclude the impact of the merger.

No. 14: Business in India - All Scheduled Banks and All Scheduled Commercial Banks

(₹ Crore)

Item	As on the Last Reporting Friday (in case of March)/ Last Friday							
	All Scheduled Banks				All Scheduled Commercial Banks			
	2024-25	2024	2025		2024-25	2024	2025	
		Mar.	Feb.	Mar.		Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Number of Reporting Banks	208	210	208	208	135	137	135	135
1 Liabilities to the Banking System	458011	554117	443848	458011	451305	549351	438922	451305
1.1 Demand and Time Deposits from Banks	315675	298452	287294	315675	309414	294471	282773	309414
1.2 Borrowings from Banks	112027	182566	118234	112027	111976	182429	118149	111976
1.3 Other Demand and Time Liabilities	30310	73100	38320	30310	29916	72452	38000	29916
2 Liabilities to Others	25053097	22664868	25090360	25053097	24557481	22190597	24603094	24557481
2.1 Aggregate Deposits	23055487	20932067	23098180	23055487	22580601	20475226	22630598	22580601
	(22996040)	(20823825)	(23037055)	(22996040)	(22521155)	(20366984)	(22569473)	(22521155)
2.1.1 Demand	2748263	2492916	2753855	2748263	2698049	2443853	2705279	2698049
2.1.2 Time	20307224	18439151	20344326	20307224	19882552	18031373	19925320	19882552
2.2 Borrowings	920568	782260	889316	920568	915248	777942	884179	915248
2.3 Other Demand and Time Liabilities	1077042	950541	1102863	1077042	1061632	937428	1088317	1061632
3 Borrowings from Reserve Bank	311466	222716	229480	311466	311466	222716	229480	311466
3.1 Against Usance Bills /Promissory Notes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.2 Others	311466	222716	229480	311466	311466	222716	229480	311466
4 Cash in Hand and Balances with Reserve Bank	985044	1043272	1031337	985044	964289	1020916	1010913	964289
4.1 Cash in Hand	84399	91886	86176	84399	81874	89433	83724	81874
4.2 Balances with Reserve Bank	900645	951386	945160	900645	882415	931483	927189	882415
5 Assets with the Banking System	432645	455057	414933	432645	348496	374474	335873	348496
5.1 Balances with Other Banks	273720	246384	261237	273720	215801	198327	206970	215801
5.1.1 In Current Account	13239	12010	13523	13239	10619	8971	10912	10619
5.1.2 In Other Accounts	260481	234373	247714	260481	205182	189357	196058	205182
5.2 Money at Call and Short Notice	44772	39614	42526	44772	25838	12355	25496	25838
5.3 Advances to Banks	43856	51325	44597	43856	39504	48368	39833	39504
5.4 Other Assets	70296	117734	66574	70296	67353	115424	63574	67353
6 Investment	6850574	6256962	6830178	6850574	6697928	6106558	6676664	6697928
	(6802814)	(6165407)	(6779497)	(6802814)	(6650167)	(6015003)	(6625984)	(6650167)
6.1 Government Securities	6842024	6249319	6821889	6842024	6697298	6105610	6676060	6697298
6.2 Other Approved Securities	8550	7643	8289	8550	630	949	604	630
7 Bank Credit	18708286	16866336	18667299	18708286	18243972	16432164	18202174	18243972
	(18286919)	(16335650)	(18238110)	(18286919)	(17822605)	(15901477)	(17772985)	(17822605)
7a Food Credit	87145	72282	96468	87145	36531	23081	45854	36531
7.1 Loans, Cash-credits and Overdrafts	18370704	16565348	18334125	18370704	17909851	16134303	17872448	17909851
7.2 Inland Bills-Purchased	76523	60471	75858	76523	74963	60467	74221	74963
7.3 Inland Bills-Discounted	222320	199761	218916	222320	221059	197358	217743	221059
7.4 Foreign Bills-Purchased	15357	16662	15279	15357	15122	16412	15032	15122
7.5 Foreign Bills-Discounted	23382	24094	23120	23382	22977	23624	22730	22977

Notes: 1. Data in column Nos. (4) & (8) are Provisional.

2. Figures in parentheses exclude the impact of the merger.

3. Data since July 2023 include the impact of the merger of a non-bank with a bank.

No. 15: Deployment of Gross Bank Credit by Major Sectors

(₹ Crore)

Sector	Outstanding as on				Growth(%)	
	Mar. 22, 2024	2024	2025		Financial year so far	Y-o-Y
		Mar. 22	Feb. 21	Mar. 21	2024-25	2025
	1	2	3	4	%	%
I. Bank Credit (II + III)	16432164	16432164	17989988	18243936	11.0	11.0
	(15901477)	(15901477)	(17556785)	(17822569)	(12.1)	(12.1)
II. Food Credit	23081	23081	47448	36531	58.3	58.3
III. Non-food Credit	16409083	16409083	17942540	18207404	11.0	11.0
	(15878397)	(15878397)	(17509338)	(17786038)	(12.0)	(12.0)
1. Agriculture & Allied Activities	2071251	2071251	2264312	2287071	10.4	10.4
2. Industry (Micro and Small, Medium and Large)	3652804	3652804	3875386	3937149	7.8	7.8
	(3635810)	(3635810)	(3863437)	(3925089)	(8.0)	(8.0)
2.1 Micro and Small	726315	726315	784802	791721	9.0	9.0
2.2 Medium	303998	303998	352907	360475	18.6	18.6
2.3 Large	2622490	2622490	2737676	2784953	6.2	6.2
3. Services	4592227	4592227	5056929	5161462	12.4	12.4
	(4490467)	(4490467)	(4987504)	(5094021)	(13.4)	(13.4)
3.1 Transport Operators	230175	230175	257630	258409	12.3	12.3
3.2 Computer Software	25917	25917	33062	32915	27.0	27.0
3.3 Tourism, Hotels & Restaurants	77513	77513	82022	83091	7.2	7.2
3.4 Shipping	7067	7067	7411	7305	3.4	3.4
3.5 Aviation	43248	43248	45928	46026	6.4	6.4
3.6 Professional Services	167234	167234	192799	195956	17.2	17.2
3.7 Trade	1025752	1025752	1157875	1186787	15.7	15.7
3.7.1 Wholesale Trade ¹	538744	538744	632612	648619	20.4	20.4
3.7.2 Retail Trade	487008	487008	525263	538168	10.5	10.5
3.8 Commercial Real Estate	469013	469013	526161	532757	13.6	13.6
	(400470)	(400470)	(481011)	(488689)	(22.0)	(22.0)
3.9 Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) ² of which,	1548027	1548027	1612332	1636098	5.7	5.7
3.9.1 Housing Finance Companies (HFCs)	325626	325626	324575	323146	-0.8	-0.8
3.9.2 Public Financial Institutions (PFIs)	226963	226963	217593	228678	0.8	0.8
3.10 Other Services ³	998281	998281	1141708	1182118	18.4	18.4
	(978198)	(978198)	(1125683)	(1166422)	(19.2)	(19.2)
4. Personal Loans	5331290	5331290	5878918	5952299	11.6	11.6
	(4919468)	(4919468)	(5527053)	(5610478)	(14.0)	(14.0)
4.1 Consumer Durables	23713	23713	24506	23402	-1.3	-1.3
4.2 Housing	2718715	2718715	2978759	3010477	10.7	10.7
	(2331935)	(2331935)	(2647643)	(2689068)	(15.3)	(15.3)
4.3 Advances against Fixed Deposits	125239	125239	134519	141101	12.7	12.7
4.4 Advances to Individuals against share & bonds	8492	8492	9808	10080	18.7	18.7
4.5 Credit Card Outstanding	257016	257016	287047	284366	10.6	10.6
4.6 Education	119380	119380	136821	137456	15.1	15.1
4.7 Vehicle Loans	573398	573398	619783	622794	8.6	8.6
4.8 Loan against gold jewellery ⁴	102562	102562	191198	208735	103.5	103.5
4.9 Other Personal Loans	1402775	1402775	1496477	1513889	7.9	7.9
	(1377966)	(1377966)	(1475779)	(1493525)	(8.4)	(8.4)
5. Priority Sector (Memo)	-	-	-	-	-	-
(i) Agriculture & Allied Activities ⁵	2081856	2081856	2256770	2287804	9.9	9.9
(ii) Micro & Small Enterprises ⁶	1974191	1974191	2223843	2240503	13.5	13.5
(iii) Medium Enterprises ⁷	490703	490703	584585	601451	22.6	22.6
(iv) Housing	755222	755222	747435	746651	-1.1	-1.1
	(660572)	(660572)	(664855)	(665107)	(0.7)	(0.7)
(v) Education Loans	62235	62235	62831	62825	0.9	0.9
(vi) Renewable Energy	5991	5991	8491	10325	72.3	72.3
(vii) Social Infrastructure	2613	2613	1233	1316	-49.6	-49.6
(viii) Export Credit	11774	11774	11827	12361	5.0	5.0
(ix) Others	61336	61336	50007	47900	-21.9	-21.9
(x) Weaker Sections including net PSLC- SF/MF	1647778	1647778	1789945	1820904	10.5	10.5

Notes:

- Data are provisional. Bank credit, Food credit and Non-food credit data are based on Section-42 return, which covers all scheduled commercial banks (SCBs), while sectoral non-food credit data are based on sector-wise and industry-wise bank credit (SIBC) return, which covers select banks accounting for about 95 per cent of total non-food credit extended by all SCBs, pertaining to the last reporting Friday of the month.
- Data since July 28, 2023 include the impact of the merger of a non-bank with a bank. Figures in parentheses exclude the impact of the merger.
 - Wholesale trade includes food procurement credit outside the food credit consortium.
 - NBFCs include HFCs, PFIs, Microfinance Institutions (MFIs), NBFCs engaged in gold loan and others.
 - "Other Services" include Mutual Fund (MFs), Banking and Finance other than NBFCs and MFs, and other services which are not indicated elsewhere under services.
 - Since May 2024, a bank has changed the classification of a category of agricultural loan into "Loans against gold jewellery" under retail segment.
 - "Agriculture and Allied Activities" under the priority sector also include priority sector lending certificates (PSLCs).
 - "Micro and Small Enterprises" under the priority sector include credit to micro and small enterprises in industry and services sectors and also include PSLCs.
 - "Medium Enterprises" under the priority sector include credit to medium enterprises in industry and services sectors.

No. 16: Industry-wise Deployment of Gross Bank Credit

(₹ Crore)

Industry	Outstanding as on				Growth(%)	
	Mar. 22, 2024	2024	2025		Financial year so far	Y-o-Y
		Mar. 22	Feb. 21	Mar. 21	2024-25	2025
	1	2	3	4	%	%
2 Industries (2.1 to 2.19)	3652804 (3635810)	3652804 (3635810)	3875386 (3863437)	3937149 (3925089)	7.8 (8.0)	7.8 (8.0)
2.1 Mining & Quarrying (incl. Coal)	54166	54166	53021	56756	4.8	4.8
2.2 Food Processing	208864	208864	219092	219527	5.1	5.1
2.2.1 Sugar	26383	26383	26872	28522	8.1	8.1
2.2.2 Edible Oils & Vanaspati	19700	19700	21082	20927	6.2	6.2
2.2.3 Tea	5692	5692	6069	5084	-10.7	-10.7
2.2.4 Others	157089	157089	165068	164994	5.0	5.0
2.3 Beverage & Tobacco	31136	31136	31296	35513	14.1	14.1
2.4 Textiles	256048	256048	273728	277267	8.3	8.3
2.4.1 Cotton Textiles	99199	99199	106116	107227	8.1	8.1
2.4.2 Jute Textiles	4280	4280	4329	4288	0.2	0.2
2.4.3 Man-Made Textiles	45111	45111	48906	49091	8.8	8.8
2.4.4 Other Textiles	107458	107458	114377	116661	8.6	8.6
2.5 Leather & Leather Products	12588	12588	12982	12980	3.1	3.1
2.6 Wood & Wood Products	23839	23839	27292	27826	16.7	16.7
2.7 Paper & Paper Products	46426	46426	51942	52848	13.8	13.8
2.8 Petroleum, Coal Products & Nuclear Fuels	132356	132356	154419	154178	16.5	16.5
2.9 Chemicals & Chemical Products	249347	249347	263166	267814	7.4	7.4
2.9.1 Fertiliser	37569	37569	30527	32011	-14.8	-14.8
2.9.2 Drugs & Pharmaceuticals	81036	81036	88941	88738	9.5	9.5
2.9.3 Petro Chemicals	23157	23157	25742	26892	16.1	16.1
2.9.4 Others	107584	107584	117956	120172	11.7	11.7
2.10 Rubber, Plastic & their Products	90420	90420	101706	103464	14.4	14.4
2.11 Glass & Glassware	12090	12090	13198	13443	11.2	11.2
2.12 Cement & Cement Products	59757	59757	60313	59752	0.0	0.0
2.13 Basic Metal & Metal Product	384447	384447	431320	433502	12.8	12.8
2.13.1 Iron & Steel	273803	273803	301743	300156	9.6	9.6
2.13.2 Other Metal & Metal Product	110645	110645	129576	133345	20.5	20.5
2.14 All Engineering	196643	196643	232448	240135	22.1	22.1
2.14.1 Electronics	43175	43175	49647	52862	22.4	22.4
2.14.2 Others	153468	153468	182801	187272	22.0	22.0
2.15 Vehicles, Vehicle Parts & Transport Equipment	113185	113185	117109	119057	5.2	5.2
2.16 Gems & Jewellery	84860	84860	83040	85734	1.0	1.0
2.17 Construction	133520	133520	149730	150701	12.9	12.9
2.18 Infrastructure	1304096	1304096	1302686	1322831	1.4	1.4
2.18.1 Power	644042	644042	660874	682953	6.0	6.0
2.18.2 Telecommunications	138192	138192	116448	118940	-13.9	-13.9
2.18.3 Roads	318072	318072	315924	311219	-2.2	-2.2
2.18.4 Airports	7280	7280	8799	9156	25.8	25.8
2.18.5 Ports	6681	6681	5879	5916	-11.4	-11.4
2.18.6 Railways	13062	13062	13293	13595	4.1	4.1
2.18.7 Other Infrastructure	176767	176767	181469	181052	2.4	2.4
2.19 Other Industries	259016	259016	296900	303822	17.3	17.3

Note: (1) Data since July 28, 2023 include the impact of the merger of a non-bank with a bank. Figures in parentheses exclude the impact of the merger.

No. 17: State Co-operative Banks Maintaining Accounts with the Reserve Bank of India

(₹ Crore)

Item	Last Reporting Friday (in case of March)/Last Friday/ Reporting Friday								
	2023-24	2024		2025					
		Feb. 23	Dec. 27	Jan. 10	Jan. 24	Jan. 31	Feb. 07	Feb. 21	Feb. 28
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Number of Reporting Banks	33	33	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
1 Aggregate Deposits (2.1.1.2+2.2.1.2)	138788.9	132042.0	140702.2	141951.5	140580.6	137422.7	141128.7	141197.5	141021.9
2 Demand and Time Liabilities									
2.1 Demand Liabilities	30226.7	27356.3	25817.1	25505.2	24519.2	25128.9	25006.3	25232.3	25377.7
2.1.1 Deposits									
2.1.1.1 Inter-Bank	9101.3	7498.1	6676.5	6951.0	6903.9	6389.8	6957.9	6678.7	6336.1
2.1.1.2 Others	15000.4	14122.7	13201.0	12879.1	12582.5	12576.7	12842.5	12977.2	13305.9
2.1.2 Borrowings from Banks	130.0		997.9	791.7	12.0	789.3	355.0	615.0	537.7
2.1.3 Other Demand Liabilities	5995.0	5735.6	4941.7	4883.3	5020.9	5373.1	4851.0	4961.4	5197.9
2.2 Time Liabilities	198141.8	178609.9	179599.5	182473.8	182418.4	178875.8	181832.3	181707.7	181395.7
2.2.1 Deposits									
2.2.1.1 Inter-Bank	72308.4	57905.0	50440.5	51697.4	52718.8	52326.4	51828.6	51761.4	52005.7
2.2.1.2 Others	123788.5	117919.3	127501.2	129072.3	127998.0	124846.0	128286.2	128220.3	127715.9
2.2.2 Borrowings from Banks	673.6	1582.3	651.9	650.8	650.8	650.8	650.8	650.3	650.3
2.2.3 Other Time Liabilities	1371.3	1203.2	1005.9	1053.3	1050.8	1052.6	1066.8	1075.8	1023.8
3 Borrowing from Reserve Bank	0.0	135.0					0.0	0.0	0.0
4 Borrowings from a notified bank / Government	95914.5	86889.8	112137.9	112172.3	114464.9	111993.8	113739.2	113412.6	115298.7
4.1 Demand	27317.7	22632.6	44100.3	43778.8	44280.0	44397.3	45530.1	46377.3	46815.1
4.2 Time	68596.8	64257.3	68037.6	68393.5	70184.9	67596.4	68209.1	67035.3	68483.6
5 Cash in Hand and Balances with Reserve Bank	16263.7	11568.9	11868.9	10869.4	10837.2	11244.6	11086.3	11271.6	10776.7
5.1 Cash in Hand	960.0	758.7	845.0	763.4	699.7	777.4	744.8	833.1	854.2
5.2 Balance with Reserve Bank	15303.7	10810.2	11023.9	10106.0	10137.5	10467.2	10341.5	10438.5	9922.5
6 Balances with Other Banks in Current Account	2088.1	1819.0	1010.4	1217.9	1262.1	1204.8	1428.6	1100.0	1281.1
7 Investments in Government Securities	77700.5	74035.2	74779.2	75371.7	75514.9	75052.7	75044.6	76597.1	76364.1
8 Money at Call and Short Notice	34355.3	24428.3	12854.5	17090.8	15819.4	12239.3	15510.2	14526.0	16049.2
9 Bank Credit (10.1+11)	135141.9	133623.3	168136.4	169458.4	170580.3	170245.1	171448.7	170308.0	171858.1
10 Advances									
10.1 Loans, Cash-Credits and Overdrafts	134936.8	133448.3	167935.8	169247.9	170385.3	170045.3	171246.9	170138.6	171681.7
10.2 Due from Banks	142185.2	137852.4	110877.6	110955.4	112689.7	112047.0	112520.9	114341.3	116430.1
11 Bills Purchased and Discounted	205.1	175.0	200.6	210.4	195.0	199.8	201.7	169.4	176.5

Prices and Production

No. 18: Consumer Price Index (Base: 2012=100)

Group/Sub group	2024-25			Rural			Urban			Combined		
	Rural	Urban	Combined	Apr.24	Mar.25	Apr.25 (P)	Apr.24	Mar.25	Apr.25 (P)	Apr.24	Mar.25	Apr.25 (P)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1 Food and beverages	198.6	205.3	201.1	189.5	194.0	193.4	196.1	200.1	200.5	191.9	196.2	196.0
1.1 Cereals and products	195.0	193.7	194.6	188.8	200.8	199.0	188.9	198.9	198.6	188.8	200.2	198.9
1.2 Meat and fish	222.3	231.9	225.7	223.1	218.1	222.6	232.8	228.3	231.3	226.5	221.7	225.7
1.3 Egg	192.8	197.5	194.6	180.2	185.4	181.0	184.2	190.2	186.7	181.7	187.3	183.2
1.4 Milk and products	186.3	187.0	186.6	183.6	187.9	188.4	184.0	188.4	189.3	183.7	188.1	188.7
1.5 Oils and fats	175.4	165.5	171.8	160.4	189.7	190.6	154.9	177.4	178.2	158.4	185.2	186.0
1.6 Fruits	188.3	194.2	191.0	182.8	201.6	209.3	188.6	204.5	213.2	185.5	203.0	211.1
1.7 Vegetables	222.1	269.6	238.2	184.9	171.0	164.8	225.4	204.3	200.3	198.6	182.3	176.8
1.8 Pulses and products	208.0	213.5	209.8	200.7	194.3	190.3	206.2	199.3	195.4	202.6	196.0	192.0
1.9 Sugar and confectionery	130.4	132.6	131.2	127.8	133.1	133.8	130.2	135.0	135.9	128.6	133.7	134.5
1.10 Spices	228.5	223.9	227.0	231.8	222.9	222.3	224.7	220.5	220.1	229.4	222.1	221.6
1.11 Non-alcoholic beverages	185.2	173.9	180.5	182.3	188.9	189.6	170.5	178.1	179.0	177.4	184.4	185.2
1.12 Prepared meals, snacks, sweets	199.4	209.7	204.2	196.1	202.9	203.6	204.9	214.9	215.3	200.2	208.5	209.0
2 Pan, tobacco and intoxicants	207.3	212.6	208.7	204.9	209.7	209.6	211.2	213.8	214.4	206.6	210.8	210.9
3 Clothing and footwear	197.9	186.7	193.5	195.5	200.0	200.3	184.2	189.0	189.6	191.0	195.6	196.1
3.1 Clothing	198.8	188.8	194.9	196.2	201.0	201.2	186.3	191.2	191.8	192.3	197.1	197.5
3.2 Footwear	192.7	174.7	185.2	191.1	194.3	194.5	172.8	176.6	177.1	183.5	186.9	187.3
4 Housing	--	181.5	181.5	--	--	--	179.9	183.6	185.3	179.9	183.6	185.3
5 Fuel and light	181.2	169.7	176.9	179.5	182.7	183.4	166.0	171.2	173.2	174.4	178.3	179.5
6 Miscellaneous	189.3	180.7	185.1	185.4	193.6	194.8	176.8	184.6	185.6	181.2	189.2	190.3
6.1 Household goods and services	185.7	177.1	181.6	183.8	187.4	187.6	174.4	179.6	179.8	179.4	183.7	183.9
6.2 Health	198.4	193.2	196.4	194.9	202.4	203.1	189.6	197.4	197.8	192.9	200.5	201.1
6.3 Transport and communication	175.5	164.8	169.9	171.8	178.1	178.3	161.4	167.0	167.2	166.3	172.3	172.5
6.4 Recreation and amusement	180.1	175.5	177.5	178.1	181.3	181.6	173.0	177.7	178.1	175.2	179.3	179.6
6.5 Education	190.8	186.2	188.1	186.7	193.2	194.0	181.8	188.6	189.5	183.8	190.5	191.4
6.6 Personal care and effects	204.3	206.2	205.1	197.0	216.8	222.1	198.8	219.3	224.8	197.7	217.8	223.2
General Index (All Groups)	194.9	190.0	192.6	188.5	193.9	194.0	184.7	189.9	190.9	186.7	192.0	192.6

Source: National Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India.

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No. 19: Other Consumer Price Indices

Item	Base Year	Linking Factor	2024-25	2024		2025	
				Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers	2016	2.88	142.6	138.9	142.8	143.0	
2 Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labourers	1986-87	5.89	1299	1259	1309	1306	
3 Consumer Price Index for Rural Labourers	1986-87	-	1311	1270	1321	1319	

Source: Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India.

No. 20: Monthly Average Price of Gold and Silver in Mumbai

Item	2023-24	2024		2025	
		Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	
	1	2	3	4	
1 Standard Gold (₹ per 10 grams)	60624	65229	84995	86890	
2 Silver (₹ per kilogram)	72243	73109	95524	97868	

Source: India Bullion & Jewellers Association Ltd., Mumbai for Gold and Silver prices in Mumbai.

No. 21: Wholesale Price Index

(Base: 2011-12 = 100)

Commodities	Weight	2024-25	2025			
			2024		2025	
			Apr.	Feb.	Mar.(P)	Apr.(P)
1	2	3	4	5	6	
I ALL COMMODITIES	100.000	154.8	152.9	154.9	154.5	154.2
1.1 PRIMARY ARTICLES	22.618	192.4	187.1	186.8	184.6	184.4
1.1.1 FOOD ARTICLES	15.256	205.3	196.8	195.9	194.4	195.1
1.1.1.1 Food Grains (Cereals+Pulses)	3.462	210.1	202.5	212.4	210.1	206.5
1.1.1.2 Fruits & Vegetables	3.475	241.3	215.0	198.2	196.4	200.3
1.1.1.3 Milk	4.440	185.7	185.3	186.5	186.8	186.4
1.1.1.4 Eggs, Meat & Fish	2.402	173.3	172.6	171.5	170.1	172.1
1.1.1.5 Condiments & Spices	0.529	232.8	228.5	212.9	201.1	204.7
1.1.1.6 Other Food Articles	0.948	213.5	207.6	223.0	223.1	227.9
1.1.2 NON-FOOD ARTICLES	4.119	161.8	157.7	167.0	162.8	159.9
1.1.2.1 Fibres	0.839	161.4	161.5	162.8	162.4	162.4
1.1.2.2 Oil Seeds	1.115	181.5	179.5	178.9	179.3	182.9
1.1.2.3 Other non-food Articles	1.960	138.7	131.1	143.1	142.0	139.5
1.1.2.4 Floriculture	0.204	277.4	279.3	349.2	274.6	219.2
1.1.3 MINERALS	0.833	227.5	224.0	227.9	227.9	245.7
1.1.3.1 Metallic Minerals	0.648	217.2	214.4	214.6	214.6	238.5
1.1.3.2 Other Minerals	0.185	263.8	257.9	274.7	274.7	270.7
1.1.4 CRUDE PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS	2.410	151.3	162.7	148.7	145.1	137.4
1.2 FUEL & POWER	13.152	150.0	151.4	153.4	152.4	148.1
1.2.1 COAL	2.138	135.6	135.9	135.6	135.6	135.9
1.2.1.1 Coking Coal	0.647	143.4	143.8	143.4	143.4	143.5
1.2.1.2 Non-Coking Coal	1.401	125.8	125.8	125.8	125.8	126.2
1.2.1.3 Lignite	0.090	232.4	236.0	231.2	231.2	231.2
1.2.2 MINERAL OILS	7.950	156.2	159.5	157.9	156.8	150.6
1.2.3 ELECTRICITY	3.064	144.2	141.1	154.4	152.5	150.4
1.3 MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS	64.231	142.6	141.2	144.0	144.4	144.9
1.3.1 MANUFACTURE OF FOOD PRODUCTS	9.122	172.0	164.0	178.7	179.4	179.6
1.3.1.1 Processing and Preserving of meat	0.134	155.7	153.5	159.5	160.0	157.0
1.3.1.2 Processing and Preserving of fish, Crustaceans, Molluscs and products thereof	0.204	145.1	143.6	146.1	146.6	145.6
1.3.1.3 Processing and Preserving of fruit and Vegetables	0.138	132.6	132.1	133.2	133.8	137.2
1.3.1.4 Vegetable and Animal oils and Fats	2.643	168.5	147.8	189.9	190.8	190.2
1.3.1.5 Dairy products	1.165	180.7	178.9	182.7	182.9	183.9
1.3.1.6 Grain mill products	2.010	186.9	182.4	190.0	188.8	187.3
1.3.1.7 Starches and Starch products	0.110	167.0	163.8	162.8	161.1	159.8
1.3.1.8 Bakery products	0.215	170.5	165.9	175.7	176.1	176.3
1.3.1.9 Sugar, Molasses & honey	1.163	139.1	137.6	141.5	143.4	143.7
1.3.1.10 Cocoa, Chocolate and Sugar confectionery	0.175	160.6	143.9	172.2	174.5	174.5
1.3.1.11 Macaroni, Noodles, Couscous and Similar farinaceous products	0.026	156.7	151.7	161.5	171.5	162.4
1.3.1.12 Tea & Coffee products	0.371	189.6	194.8	168.6	178.9	189.4
1.3.1.13 Processed condiments & salt	0.163	192.5	195.4	191.3	188.8	189.7
1.3.1.14 Processed ready to eat food	0.024	152.7	148.2	155.7	155.5	156.4
1.3.1.15 Health supplements	0.225	185.1	174.1	188.1	186.5	188.8
1.3.1.16 Prepared animal feeds	0.356	204.2	203.8	195.2	195.5	197.1
1.3.2 MANUFACTURE OF BEVERAGES	0.909	134.1	132.9	134.7	134.6	135.4
1.3.2.1 Wines & spirits	0.408	136.0	133.9	137.4	137.6	138.3
1.3.2.2 Malt liquors and Malt	0.225	138.6	137.0	139.5	139.1	139.8
1.3.2.3 Soft drinks; Production of mineral waters and Other bottled waters	0.275	127.5	128.1	126.8	126.4	127.6
1.3.3 MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS	0.514	177.6	176.3	179.8	180.2	181.0
1.3.3.1 Tobacco products	0.514	177.6	176.3	179.8	180.2	181.0

No. 21: Wholesale Price Index (Contd.)

(Base: 2011-12 = 100)

Commodities	Weight	2024-25	2024	2025		
			Apr.	Feb.	Mar.(P)	Apr.(P)
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1.3.4 MANUFACTURE OF TEXTILES	4.881	136.3	135.7	136.9	136.6	136.4
1.3.4.1 Preparation and Spinning of textile fibres	2.582	121.4	121.8	120.6	120.6	120.9
1.3.4.2 Weaving & Finishing of textiles	1.509	158.4	156.5	161.0	159.5	158.9
1.3.4.3 Knitted and Crocheted fabrics	0.193	124.0	123.2	125.4	124.4	124.4
1.3.4.4 Made-up textile articles, Except apparel	0.299	160.4	159.9	160.4	161.9	161.3
1.3.4.5 Cordage, Rope, Twine and Netting	0.098	142.6	138.3	147.8	147.6	148.2
1.3.4.6 Other textiles	0.201	135.1	131.9	134.8	137.2	135.6
1.3.5 MANUFACTURE OF WEARING APPAREL	0.814	153.4	153.1	154.3	154.5	154.1
1.3.5.1 Manufacture of Wearing Apparel (woven), Except fur Apparel	0.593	150.9	150.2	151.7	152.2	152.1
1.3.5.2 Knitted and Crocheted apparel	0.221	160.2	160.7	161.2	160.6	159.6
1.3.6 MANUFACTURE OF LEATHER AND RELATED PRODUCTS	0.535	125.3	123.6	126.4	126.2	126.6
1.3.6.1 Tanning and Dressing of leather; Dressing and Dyeing of fur	0.142	106.4	104.7	107.4	107.0	106.6
1.3.6.2 Luggage, HandbAgs, Saddlery and Harness	0.075	142.5	140.9	144.5	143.0	142.6
1.3.6.3 Footwear	0.318	129.7	128.0	130.6	130.8	131.7
1.3.7 MANUFACTURE OF WOOD AND PRODUCTS OF WOOD AND CORK	0.772	149.2	149.4	149.8	150.0	150.3
1.3.7.1 Saw milling and Planing of wood	0.124	141.0	138.7	142.4	141.3	143.2
1.3.7.2 Veneer sheets; Manufacture of plywood, Laminboard, Particle board and Other panels and Boards	0.493	148.6	149.7	148.8	149.7	149.6
1.3.7.3 Builder's carpentry and Joinery	0.036	215.3	214.3	215.0	215.1	216.7
1.3.7.4 Wooden containers	0.119	140.7	139.9	142.2	140.7	140.3
1.3.8 MANUFACTURE OF PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS	1.113	139.3	137.9	141.2	141.3	140.8
1.3.8.1 Pulp, Paper and Paperboard	0.493	144.6	144.6	145.4	145.8	145.5
1.3.8.2 Corrugated paper and Paperboard and Containers of paper and Paperboard	0.314	147.3	143.4	150.4	150.6	151.3
1.3.8.3 Other articles of paper and Paperboard	0.306	122.5	121.6	124.9	124.4	122.2
1.3.9 PRINTING AND REPRODUCTION OF RECORDED MEDIA	0.676	187.3	185.4	190.7	189.9	189.8
1.3.9.1 Printing	0.676	187.3	185.4	190.7	189.9	189.8
1.3.10 MANUFACTURE OF CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	6.465	136.5	135.7	136.9	136.9	137.4
1.3.10.1 Basic chemicals	1.433	138.6	136.7	140.7	141.2	142.4
1.3.10.2 Fertilizers and Nitrogen compounds	1.485	143.1	143.3	142.8	142.4	142.9
1.3.10.3 Plastic and Synthetic rubber in primary form	1.001	133.6	132.4	134.2	133.9	135.0
1.3.10.4 Pesticides and Other agrochemical products	0.454	128.8	127.1	129.2	129.9	130.2
1.3.10.5 Paints, Varnishes and Similar coatings, Printing ink and Mastics	0.491	139.5	139.2	138.7	138.4	138.5
1.3.10.6 Soap and Detergents, Cleaning and Polishing preparations, Perfumes and Toilet preparations	0.612	139.7	139.1	140.8	141.2	141.9
1.3.10.7 Other chemical products	0.692	135.5	135.1	134.7	134.1	133.9
1.3.10.8 Man-made fibres	0.296	105.0	104.9	104.8	104.9	102.4
1.3.11 MANUFACTURE OF PHARMACEUTICALS, MEDICINAL CHEMICAL AND BOTANICAL PRODUCTS	1.993	144.3	143.5	145.1	145.2	144.9
1.3.11.1 Pharmaceuticals, Medicinal chemical and Botanical products	1.993	144.3	143.5	145.1	145.2	144.9
1.3.12 MANUFACTURE OF RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	2.299	129.0	128.1	129.8	129.7	130.2
1.3.12.1 Rubber Tyres and Tubes; Retreading and Rebuilding of Rubber Tyres	0.609	115.6	113.6	117.4	117.0	117.1
1.3.12.2 Other Rubber Products	0.272	112.0	109.2	112.7	112.6	113.7
1.3.12.3 Plastics products	1.418	138.0	137.9	138.5	138.4	139.0
1.3.13 MANUFACTURE OF OTHER NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	3.202	131.5	132.6	133.3	132.7	132.7
1.3.13.1 Glass and Glass products	0.295	163.3	164.0	163.5	163.4	163.6
1.3.13.2 Refractory products	0.223	121.6	119.0	126.1	126.0	122.5
1.3.13.3 Clay Building Materials	0.121	124.4	118.1	132.4	133.5	130.5
1.3.13.4 Other Porcelain and Ceramic Products	0.222	124.6	124.5	125.1	124.7	124.9
1.3.13.5 Cement, Lime and Plaster	1.645	130.5	133.6	132.8	131.6	131.7

No. 21: Wholesale Price Index (Contd.)

(Base: 2011-12 = 100)

Commodities	Weight	2024-25	2024	2025		
			Apr.	Feb.	Mar.(P)	Apr.(P)
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1.3.13.6 Articles of Concrete, Cement and Plaster	0.292	139.2	138.9	139.8	138.8	140.7
1.3.13.7 Cutting, Shaping and Finishing of Stone	0.234	134.4	131.9	136.0	136.8	137.3
1.3.13.8 Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	0.169	95.2	96.5	91.7	92.3	94.2
1.3.14 MANUFACTURE OF BASIC METALS	9.646	139.7	141.4	137.9	139.1	140.5
1.3.14.1 Inputs into steel making	1.411	133.6	136.7	129.5	131.1	133.7
1.3.14.2 Metallic Iron	0.653	141.8	149.4	131.7	136.3	136.5
1.3.14.3 Mild Steel - Semi Finished Steel	1.274	117.9	118.4	117.4	118.2	118.7
1.3.14.4 Mild Steel -Long Products	1.081	140.4	142.3	138.7	140.1	140.8
1.3.14.5 Mild Steel - Flat products	1.144	134.2	138.5	129.7	129.5	134.3
1.3.14.6 Alloy steel other than Stainless Steel- Shapes	0.067	135.4	137.9	132.1	133.6	135.1
1.3.14.7 Stainless Steel - Semi Finished	0.924	131.1	139.6	127.7	131.0	132.8
1.3.14.8 Pipes & tubes	0.205	164.7	168.0	164.5	164.5	165.2
1.3.14.9 Non-ferrous metals incl. precious metals	1.693	157.4	152.4	161.0	161.4	160.8
1.3.14.10 Castings	0.925	144.8	145.0	145.0	144.7	146.4
1.3.14.11 Forgings of steel	0.271	172.2	171.2	170.8	174.2	174.3
1.3.15 MANUFACTURE OF FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	3.155	136.0	136.0	136.1	136.4	137.1
1.3.15.1 Structural Metal Products	1.031	130.7	130.6	131.2	131.2	132.7
1.3.15.2 Tanks, Reservoirs and Containers of Metal	0.660	149.5	151.0	148.1	148.5	152.4
1.3.15.3 Steam generators, Except Central Heating Hot Water Boilers	0.145	109.8	108.1	107.8	110.9	110.8
1.3.15.4 Forging, Pressing, Stamping and Roll-Forming of Metal; Powder Metallurgy	0.383	138.0	136.5	139.7	139.7	135.9
1.3.15.5 Cutlery, Hand Tools and General Hardware	0.208	102.0	101.9	102.5	102.4	102.5
1.3.15.6 Other Fabricated Metal Products	0.728	144.9	144.8	145.6	145.7	145.2
1.3.16 MANUFACTURE OF COMPUTER, ELECTRONIC AND OPTICAL PRODUCTS	2.009	121.5	121.6	121.5	121.1	121.5
1.3.16.1 Electronic Components	0.402	117.9	116.6	119.0	119.5	119.0
1.3.16.2 Computers and Peripheral Equipment	0.336	134.2	135.3	131.0	131.8	131.8
1.3.16.3 Communication Equipment	0.310	145.9	146.3	146.3	146.5	146.6
1.3.16.4 Consumer Electronics	0.641	101.1	103.9	100.7	99.1	100.4
1.3.16.5 Measuring, Testing, Navigating and Control equipment	0.181	119.9	115.0	121.9	121.9	121.9
1.3.16.6 Watches and Clocks	0.076	167.8	162.9	169.8	172.0	172.2
1.3.16.7 Irradiation, Electromedical and Electrotherapeutic equipment	0.055	114.3	109.3	117.0	110.3	111.3
1.3.16.8 Optical instruments and Photographic equipment	0.008	107.4	104.1	108.3	108.3	107.5
1.3.17 MANUFACTURE OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	2.930	133.7	132.3	134.5	134.4	134.7
1.3.17.1 Electric motors, Generators, Transformers and Electricity distribution and Control apparatus	1.298	132.2	131.2	134.0	133.5	133.6
1.3.17.2 Batteries and Accumulators	0.236	141.3	139.8	141.8	141.8	143.1
1.3.17.3 Fibre optic cables for data transmission or live transmission of images	0.133	118.8	120.1	116.2	116.0	113.7
1.3.17.4 Other electronic and Electric wires and Cables	0.428	154.3	149.9	155.2	156.6	157.8
1.3.17.5 Wiring devices, Electric lighting & display equipment	0.263	118.3	117.6	117.5	117.5	118.4
1.3.17.6 Domestic appliances	0.366	131.8	132.1	131.5	131.3	131.2
1.3.17.7 Other electrical equipment	0.206	123.5	120.8	124.8	123.8	125.0
1.3.18 MANUFACTURE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	4.789	130.8	130.4	131.2	131.5	131.9
1.3.18.1 Engines and Turbines, Except aircraft, Vehicle and Two wheeler engines	0.638	132.9	130.6	134.3	134.3	134.1
1.3.18.2 Fluid power equipment	0.162	134.5	133.3	135.7	135.7	135.2
1.3.18.3 Other pumps, Compressors, Taps and Valves	0.552	118.5	117.5	119.1	119.0	118.9
1.3.18.4 Bearings, Gears, Gearing and Driving elements	0.340	128.3	127.7	128.7	129.1	130.5
1.3.18.5 Ovens, Furnaces and Furnace burners	0.008	86.8	86.2	87.3	88.4	87.1
1.3.18.6 Lifting and Handling equipment	0.285	130.0	130.3	130.1	130.7	130.6

No. 21: Wholesale Price Index (Concl.)

(Base: 2011-12 = 100)

Commodities	Weight	2024-25	2024	2025		
			Apr.	Feb.	Mar.(P)	Apr.(P)
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1.3.18.7 Office machinery and Equipment	0.006	130.2	130.2	130.2	130.2	130.2
1.3.18.8 Other general-purpose machinery	0.437	145.3	147.4	140.3	142.7	143.5
1.3.18.9 Agricultural and Forestry machinery	0.833	145.4	145.3	147.0	146.5	146.8
1.3.18.10 Metal-forming machinery and Machine tools	0.224	123.0	122.4	123.4	123.5	126.2
1.3.18.11 Machinery for mining, Quarrying and Construction	0.371	89.8	89.5	91.4	91.5	92.2
1.3.18.12 Machinery for food, Beverage and Tobacco processing	0.228	126.0	124.6	126.6	126.8	127.2
1.3.18.13 Machinery for textile, Apparel and Leather production	0.192	141.3	137.9	145.5	147.1	148.7
1.3.18.14 Other special-purpose machinery	0.468	144.8	146.2	144.3	144.4	144.5
1.3.18.15 Renewable electricity generating equipment	0.046	69.2	70.1	69.3	69.3	69.1
1.3.19 MANUFACTURE OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS AND SEMI-TRAILERS	4.969	129.9	129.6	130.2	130.3	130.5
1.3.19.1 Motor vehicles	2.600	130.6	130.5	131.0	131.2	131.3
1.3.19.2 Parts and Accessories for motor vehicles	2.368	129.1	128.7	129.3	129.3	129.6
1.3.20 MANUFACTURE OF OTHER TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	1.648	145.2	144.3	146.0	148.5	149.6
1.3.20.1 Building of ships and Floating structures	0.117	180.5	177.9	188.4	188.4	190.6
1.3.20.2 Railway locomotives and Rolling stock	0.110	108.9	108.2	109.2	109.6	109.5
1.3.20.3 Motor cycles	1.302	146.0	145.0	146.3	149.4	150.5
1.3.20.4 Bicycles and Invalid carriages	0.117	134.9	136.7	134.4	135.4	136.1
1.3.20.5 Other transport equipment	0.002	163.2	161.3	164.7	165.5	165.1
1.3.21 MANUFACTURE OF FURNITURE	0.727	160.2	158.8	161.6	161.9	163.5
1.3.21.1 Furniture	0.727	160.2	158.8	161.6	161.9	163.5
1.3.22 OTHER MANUFACTURING	1.064	183.6	176.4	197.9	201.7	204.2
1.3.22.1 Jewellery and Related articles	0.996	185.1	177.5	200.5	204.4	207.1
1.3.22.2 Musical instruments	0.001	201.9	199.3	199.9	201.4	201.4
1.3.22.3 Sports goods	0.012	164.9	158.3	168.2	168.1	170.4
1.3.22.4 Games and Toys	0.005	163.1	161.2	164.9	164.5	164.3
1.3.22.5 Medical and Dental instruments and Supplies	0.049	158.6	160.2	156.5	158.6	158.6
2 FOOD INDEX	24.378	192.9	184.6	189.4	188.8	189.3

Source: Office of the Economic Adviser, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

No. 22: Index of Industrial Production (Base:2011-12=100)

Industry	Weight	2023-24	2024-25	April-March		March	
				2023-24	2024-25	2024	2025
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7
General Index	100.00	146.7	152.5	146.7	152.5	160.0	164.8
1 Sectoral Classification							
1.1 Mining	14.37	128.9	132.7	128.9	132.7	156.2	156.8
1.2 Manufacturing	77.63	144.7	150.4	144.7	150.4	156.2	160.9
1.3 Electricity	7.99	198.3	208.4	198.3	208.4	204.2	217.1
2 Use-Based Classification							
2.1 Primary Goods	34.05	147.7	153.4	147.7	153.4	163.1	168.2
2.2 Capital Goods	8.22	106.6	112.5	106.6	112.5	131.6	134.8
2.3 Intermediate Goods	17.22	157.3	163.8	157.3	163.8	169.2	173.1
2.4 Infrastructure/ Construction Goods	12.34	176.3	188.0	176.3	188.0	195.2	212.3
2.5 Consumer Durables	12.84	118.6	128.0	118.6	128.0	129.9	138.5
2.6 Consumer Non-Durables	15.33	153.7	151.3	153.7	151.3	155.2	147.9

Source : Central Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India.

Government Accounts and Treasury Bills

No. 23: Union Government Accounts at a Glance

(₹ Crore)

Item	Financial Year		April – February		
	2024-25 (Revised Estimates)	2024-25 (Actuals)	2023-24 (Actuals)	Percentage to Revised Estimates	
				2024-25	2023-24
	1	2	3	4	5
1 Revenue Receipts	3087960	2508953	2209782	81.2	81.9
1.1 Tax Revenue (Net)	2556960	2015634	1849452	78.8	79.6
1.2 Non-Tax Revenue	531000	493319	360330	92.9	95.9
2 Non Debt Capital Receipt	59000	37364	36140	63.3	64.5
2.1 Recovery of Loans	26000	21655	23480	83.3	90.3
2.2 Other Receipts	33000	15709	12660	47.6	42.2
3 Total Receipts (excluding borrowings) (1+2)	3146960	2546317	2245922	80.9	81.5
4 Revenue Expenditure of which :	3698058	3081282	2941674	83.3	83.1
4.1 Interest Payments	1137940	952844	880788	83.7	83.5
5 Capital Expenditure	1018429	811887	805613	79.7	84.8
6 Total Expenditure (4+5)	4716487	3893169	3747287	82.5	83.4
7 Revenue Deficit (4-1)	610098	572329	731892	93.8	87.1
8 Fiscal Deficit (6-3)	1569527	1346852	1501365	85.8	86.5
9 Gross Primary Deficit (8-4.1)	431587	394008	620577	91.3	91.3

Source: Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Ministry of Finance, Government of India and Union Budget 2025-26.

No. 24: Treasury Bills – Ownership Pattern

(₹ Crore)

Item	2023-24	2024		2025				
		Mar. 29	Feb. 21	Feb. 28	Mar. 7	Mar. 14	Mar. 21	Mar. 28
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 91-day								
1.1 Banks	18054	18054	7071	7786	7769	10460	13884	26554
1.2 Primary Dealers	22676	22676	14883	14025	17129	15791	20137	25258
1.3 State Governments	5701	5701	78315	73415	71278	62728	53128	40315
1.4 Others	88670	88670	108845	116990	120901	127249	126479	115688
2 182-day								
2.1 Banks	84913	84913	35549	37126	40297	43077	43990	44887
2.2 Primary Dealers	87779	87779	52538	54510	39266	45026	52239	62218
2.3 State Governments	4070	4070	7422	7528	8628	9778	10928	11078
2.4 Others	102311	102311	81213	85164	103236	99997	103871	104994
3 364-day								
3.1 Banks	91819	91819	69687	66240	66413	67637	68305	72304
3.2 Primary Dealers	159085	159085	110441	112173	90341	87242	94604	86939
3.3 State Governments	41487	41487	36494	36713	36657	37050	37132	37389
3.4 Others	165095	165095	151871	151587	171246	171121	161091	162757
4 14-day Intermediate								
4.1 Banks								
4.2 Primary Dealers								
4.3 State Governments	318736	318736	290903	291002	235714	314773	326396	273670
4.4 Others	442	442	2591	38	549	488	378	572
Total Treasury Bills (Excluding 14 day Intermediate T Bills) #	871662	871662	754331	763256	773163	777156	785787	790381

14D intermediate T-Bills are non-marketable unlike 91D, 182D and 364D T-Bills. These bills are 'intermediate' by nature as these are liquidated to replenish shortfall in the daily minimum cash balances of State Governments.

Note: Primary Dealers (PDs) include banks undertaking PD business.

No. 25: Auctions of Treasury Bills

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

Date of Auction	Notified Amount	Bids Received		Bids Accepted		Total Issue (6+7)	Cut-off Price (₹)	Implicit Yield at Cut-off Price (per cent)		
		Number	Total Face Value		Number				Total Face Value	
			Competitive	Non-Competitive					Competitive	Non-Competitive
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
91-day Treasury Bills										
2024-25										
Feb. 27	14000	136	34624	6168	74	13932	6168	20100	98.42	6.4490
Mar. 5	14000	121	31324	7631	69	13969	7631	21600	98.41	6.4896
Mar. 12	14000	148	41699	1726	65	13974	1726	15700	98.41	6.4900
Mar. 19	14000	98	29488	47	64	13953	47	14000	98.40	6.5050
Mar. 26	14000	101	27423	713	75	13974	713	14687	98.40	6.5199
182-day Treasury Bills										
2024-25										
Feb. 27	12000	96	23642	1775	66	11976	1775	13751	96.81	6.5989
Mar. 5	12000	91	30737	1718	45	11982	1718	13700	96.81	6.6070
Mar. 12	12000	116	30622	2168	63	11982	2168	14150	96.81	6.6103
Mar. 19	12000	97	28824	1166	45	11984	1166	13150	96.81	6.6079
Mar. 26	12000	125	43554	163	8	11987	163	12150	96.85	6.5179
364-day Treasury Bills										
2024-25										
Feb. 27	7000	104	27673	239	33	6988	239	7228	93.88	6.5409
Mar. 5	7000	89	21815	127	54	6989	127	7116	93.85	6.5710
Mar. 12	7000	129	28468	1398	49	6975	1398	8373	93.86	6.5649
Mar. 19	7000	130	33136	198	34	6996	198	7193	93.88	6.5397
Mar. 26	7000	122	41077	269	17	6996	269	7265	93.94	6.4698

Financial Markets

No. 26: Daily Call Money Rates

(Per cent per annum)

As on	Range of Rates	Weighted Average Rates
	Borrowings/ Lendings	Borrowings/ Lendings
	1	2
March 01 ,2025	5.70-6.45	5.91
March 03 ,2025	5.15-6.45	6.32
March 04 ,2025	5.15-6.40	6.27
March 05 ,2025	5.25-6.40	6.23
March 06 ,2025	5.15-6.35	6.21
March 07 ,2025	5.15-6.40	6.25
March 10 ,2025	5.15-6.40	6.26
March 11 ,2025	5.15-6.45	6.30
March 12 ,2025	5.15-6.40	6.27
March 13 ,2025	5.15-6.45	6.33
March 15 ,2025	5.25-6.40	6.05
March 17 ,2025	5.15-6.45	6.34
March 18 ,2025	5.15-6.50	6.33
March 19 ,2025	5.15-6.50	6.37
March 20 ,2025	5.15-6.50	6.36
March 21 ,2025	5.15-6.50	6.34
March 24 ,2025	5.15-6.50	6.31
March 25 ,2025	5.15-6.50	6.30
March 26 ,2025	5.15-6.35	6.20
March 27 ,2025	5.15-7.40	6.17
March 28 ,2025	5.50-7.50	6.88
March 29 ,2025	5.70-6.30	5.89
April 02 ,2025	5.15-6.35	6.19
April 03 ,2025	5.00-6.10	5.99
April 04 ,2025	5.00-6.40	6.08
April 05 ,2025	5.25-6.35	5.77
April 07 ,2025	5.10-6.35	6.16
April 08 ,2025	5.15-6.25	6.15
April 09 ,2025	5.00-6.10	5.91
April 11 ,2025	5.00-6.00	5.79
April 15 ,2025	5.00-5.95	5.84

Note: Includes Notice Money.

No. 27: Certificates of Deposit

Item	2024	2025				2025	
	Mar. 22	Feb. 7	Feb. 21	Mar. 7	Mar. 21	Apr. 4	Apr. 18
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 Amount Outstanding (₹ Crore)	375812.94	519276.82	513816.40	511207.89	532971.66	522896.64	518759.57
1.1 Issued during the fortnight (₹ Crore)	68973.11	71093.96	30077.77	70936.37	117053.02	32045.52	7213.32
2 Rate of Interest (per cent)	7.06-8.16	7.03-7.83	7.02-7.93	7.02-8.02	6.98-8.05	6.45-8.05	6.43-7.37

No. 28: Commercial Paper

Item	2024	2025				2025	
	Mar. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 28	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 Amount Outstanding (₹ Crore)	388559.20	479257.25	465926.95	457051.30	442892.70	521558.10	545586.95
1.1 Reported during the fortnight (₹ Crore)	57334.10	80693.35	64880.85	107624.20	77133.85	91006.40	72418.90
2 Rate of Interest (per cent)	7.07-14.20	6.97-12.40	6.78-12.24	6.67-11.78	7.00-14.46	6.31-11.65	6.26-13.00

No. 29: Average Daily Turnover in Select Financial Markets

(₹ Crore)

Item	2023-24	2024	2025						2025			
		Mar. 29	Feb. 21	Feb. 28	Mar. 7	Mar. 14	Mar. 21	Mar. 28	Apr. 4	Apr. 11	Apr. 18	Apr. 25
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1 Call Money	17761	18683	23232	25329	23805	23931	30499	27595	17637	25074	22900	26638
2 Notice Money	2550	5553	472	8886	221	7659	442	4915	7589	431	9887	181
3 Term Money	871	1042	532	1425	722	631	1271	1167	1518	1151	1233	1900
4 Triparty Repo	601363	634402	648196	802167	623274	791467	644998	818746	653565	679080	827215	706111
5 Market Repo	574534	661720	521248	627685	589494	706212	579795	671533	564475	696512	810602	626465
6 Repo in Corporate Bond	1817	2612	7841	7237	6904	8987	8851	6386	5897	6319	6241	6915
7 Forex (US \$ million)	95115	165277	129410	155172	135848	133122	149709	183528	..	..	..	..
8 Govt. of India Dated Securities	90992	90054	77969	86173	93431	74075	115324	58942	..	..	..	..
9 State Govt. Securities	6102	15232	10974	16088	9535	12487	14316	7083	..	..	..	..
10 Treasury Bills												
10.1 91-Day	5378	13965	3585	5438	5573	5371	9185	7631				
10.2 182-Day	6079	9470	2016	4596	3326	3984	3835	1689				
10.3 364-Day	4307	2929	3548	4148	3864	3511	3974	3012				
10.4 Cash Management Bills		0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
11 Total Govt. Securities (8+9+10)	112858	131649	98091	116444	115728	99428	146635	78357				
11.1 RBI	492	342	10385	704	26	13638	10497	9793				

No. 30: New Capital Issues by Non-Government Public Limited Companies

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

Security & Type of Issue	2023-24		2023-24 (Apr.-Mar.)		2024-25 (Apr.-Mar.) *		Mar. 2024		Mar. 2025 *	
	No. of Issues	Amount	No. of Issues	Amount	No. of Issues	Amount	No. of Issues	Amount	No. of Issues	Amount
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 Equity Shares	339	80943	339	80943	464	210190	36	4277	21	2039
1.1 Public	272	65832	272	65832	322	190478	26	3856	12	531
1.2 Rights	67	15110	67	15110	142	19712	10	420	9	1508
2 Public Issue of Bonds/ Debentures	44	16342	44	16342	41	7930	3	703	2	237
3 Total (1+2)	383	97285	383	97285	505	218120	39	4980	23	2275
3.1 Public	316	82174	316	82174	363	198408	29	4559	14	767
3.2 Rights	67	15110	67	15110	142	19712	10	420	9	1508

Note : 1. Since April 2020, monthly data on equity issues is compiled on the basis of their listing date.

2. Figures in the columns might not add up to the total due to rounding off numbers.

3. The table covers only public and rights issuances of equity and debt. It does not include data on private placement of debt, qualified institutional placements and preferential allotments.

Source : Securities and Exchange Board of India.

* : Data is Provisional

External Sector

No. 31: Foreign Trade

Item	Unit	2023-24		2024			2025		
				Mar.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1 Exports	₹ Crore	3618952	346040	269603	321275	313532	320532	363604	
	US \$ Million	437072	41693	31957	37803	36345	36820	41968	
1.1 Oil	₹ Crore	696850	44950	29821	40022	29943	49785	42467	
	US \$ Million	84157	5416	3535	4709	3471	5719	4902	
1.2 Non-oil	₹ Crore	2922102	301089	239782	281253	283588	270747	321137	
	US \$ Million	352915	36277	28422	33094	32874	31101	37067	
2 Imports	₹ Crore	5616042	473312	539329	496989	512680	443677	550212	
	US \$ Million	678215	57027	63929	58479	59430	50965	63507	
2.1 Oil	₹ Crore	1480232	135638	134208	115543	115941	103528	164684	
	US \$ Million	178733	16342	15908	13595	13440	11892	19008	
2.2 Non-oil	₹ Crore	4135810	337674	405121	381447	396739	340149	385527	
	US \$ Million	499482	40685	48020	44883	45990	39073	44499	
3 Trade Balance	₹ Crore	-1997090	-127272	-269726	-175714	-199148	-123145	-186608	
	US \$ Million	-241143	-15334	-31972	-20676	-23085	-14146	-21539	
3.1 Oil	₹ Crore	-783382	-90687	-104388	-75521	-85998	-53743	-122217	
	US \$ Million	-94576	-10927	-12373	-8886	-9969	-6173	-14107	
3.2 Non-oil	₹ Crore	-1213708	-36584	-165339	-100193	-113150	-69402	-64391	
	US \$ Million	-146567	-4408	-19598	-11789	-13117	-7972	-7432	

Note: Data in the table are provisional.

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics.

No. 32: Foreign Exchange Reserves

Item	Unit	2024		2025				
		May. 03	Mar. 21	Mar. 28	Apr. 04	Apr. 11	Apr. 18	Apr. 25
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 Total Reserves	₹ Crore	5353240	5662867	5687095	5764903	5833811	5857537	5879208
	US \$ Million	641590	658800	665396	676268	677835	686145	688129
1.1 Foreign Currency Assets	₹ Crore	4707216	4803678	4829095	4893864	4948553	4938465	4960996
	US \$ Million	564161	558856	565014	574088	574980	578495	580663
1.2 Gold	₹ Crore	457902	664219	664889	676510	688496	721972	720785
	US \$ Million	54880	77275	77793	79360	79997	84572	84365
1.3 SDRs	Volume (Metric Tonnes)	828.63	879.01	879.58	879.58	879.58	879.58	879.58
	SDRs Million	13694	13706	13706	13706	13706	13706	13706
	₹ Crore	150611	156784	155344	156526	157977	158509	158817
1.4 Reserve Tranche Position in IMF	US \$ Million	18051	18240	18176	18362	18356	18568	18589
	₹ Crore	37512	38186	37768	38003	38786	38591	38610
	US \$ Million	4499	4429	4413	4459	4502	4510	4512

* Difference, if any, is due to rounding off.

Note: Exclude investment in foreign currency denominated bonds issued by IIFC (UK), SDRs transferred by Government of India to RBI and foreign currency received under SAARC and ACU currency swap arrangements. Foreign currency assets in US dollar take into account appreciation/depreciation of non-US currencies (such as Euro, Sterling, Yen and Australian Dollar) held in reserves. Foreign exchange holdings are converted into rupees at rupee-US dollar RBI holding rates.

No. 33: Non-Resident Deposits

(US \$ Million)

Scheme	Outstanding				Flows	
	2023-24	2024	2025		2023-24	2024-25
		Mar.	Feb.	Mar. (P)	Apr.-Mar.	Apr.-Mar.(P)
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 NRI Deposits	151879	151879	160339	164677	14702	16163
1.1 FCNR(B)	25733	25733	32492	32809	6370	7076
1.2 NR(E)RA	98624	98624	97938	100733	4156	4713
1.3 NRO	27522	27522	29908	31135	4176	4374

P: Provisional.

No. 34: Foreign Investment Inflows

(US \$ Million)

Item	2023-24	2023-24	2024-25 (P)	2024 (P)	2025 (P)	
	1	Apr.-Mar.	Apr.-Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
		2	3	4	5	6
1.1 Net Foreign Direct Investment (1.1.1-1.1.2)	10129	10129	353	-1366	-1247	-1085
1.1.1 Direct Investment to India (1.1.1-1.1.1.2)	26807	26807	29554	2296	2673	3322
1.1.1.1 Gross Inflows/Gross Investments	71279	71279	81043	6100	5471	5938
1.1.1.1.1 Equity	45817	45817	50993	3868	2919	3240
1.1.1.1.1.1 Government (SIA/FIPB)	585	585	2208	64	37	307
1.1.1.1.1.2 RBI	31826	31826	34686	3107	2291	2440
1.1.1.1.1.3 Acquisition of shares	12013	12013	13124	571	502	405
1.1.1.1.1.4 Equity capital of unincorporated bodies	1394	1394	976	125	88	88
1.1.1.1.2 Reinvested earnings	19768	19768	23545	1777	2130	2130
1.1.1.1.3 Other capital	5694	5694	6505	454	421	567
1.1.1.2 Repatriation/Disinvestment	44472	44472	51489	3804	2797	2616
1.1.1.2.1 Equity	41334	41334	49529	3645	2669	2525
1.1.1.2.2 Other capital	3137	3137	1960	159	129	90
1.1.2 Foreign Direct Investment by India (1.1.2.1+1.1.2.2+1.1.2.3-1.1.2.4)	16678	16678	29201	3662	3921	4408
1.1.2.1 Equity capital	9111	9111	17031	2110	2698	2303
1.1.2.2 Reinvested Earnings	5786	5786	6555	482	546	546
1.1.2.3 Other Capital	5406	5406	9189	1305	1143	1867
1.1.2.4 Repatriation/Disinvestment	3624	3624	3575	235	467	309
1.2 Net Portfolio Investment (1.2.1+1.2.2+1.2.3-1.2.4)	44081	44081	2667	7785	-4041	3877
1.2.1 GDRs/ADRs	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.2.2 FIIs	44626	44626	2429	7848	-3992	3827
1.2.3 Offshore funds and others	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.2.4 Portfolio investment by India	544	544	-238	62	49	-50
1 Foreign Investment Inflows	54210	54210	3020	6420	-5288	2792

P: Provisional

No. 35: Outward Remittances under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) for Resident Individuals

(US \$ Million)

Item	2023-24	2024	2025		
	1	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
		2	3	4	5
1 Outward Remittances under the LRS	31735.74	2302.36	2768.89	1964.21	2547.57
1.1 Deposit	916.45	107.77	58.20	51.62	173.17
1.2 Purchase of immovable property	242.51	26.08	34.19	28.76	45.10
1.3 Investment in equity/debt	1510.89	224.70	104.98	173.84	306.39
1.4 Gift	3580.27	318.66	232.76	190.82	299.59
1.5 Donations	11.31	1.11	0.63	0.59	2.20
1.6 Travel	17006.27	1002.41	1646.74	1090.61	1125.55
1.7 Maintenance of close relatives	4611.53	394.13	308.76	234.99	421.47
1.8 Medical Treatment	79.62	8.17	4.47	3.43	3.57
1.9 Studies Abroad	3478.65	197.02	368.21	182.17	160.03
1.10 Others	298.23	22.31	9.96	7.38	10.51

**No. 36: Indices of Nominal Effective Exchange Rate (NEER) and
Real Effective Exchange Rate (REER) of the Indian Rupee**

Item	2023-24	2024-25	2024	2025	
			Apr	Mar	Apr
	1	2	3	4	5
40-Currency Basket (Base: 2015-16=100)					
1 Trade-Weighted					
1.1 NEER	90.75	91.05	92.01	89.07	89.70
1.2 REER	103.71	105.28	103.23	101.50	100.80
2 Export-Weighted					
2.1 NEER	93.13	93.53	94.20	91.74	92.37
2.2 REER	101.22	102.35	100.21	98.71	97.88
6-Currency Basket (Trade-weighted)					
1 Base : 2015-16 =100					
1.1 NEER	83.62	82.39	83.72	80.25	80.36
1.2 REER	101.66	102.74	101.85	98.97	99.26
2 Base : 2022-23 =100					
2.1 NEER	97.31	95.89	97.43	93.39	93.52
2.2 REER	99.86	100.92	100.04	97.21	97.50

Note: Data for 2023-24 and 2024-25 so far is provisional.

No. 37: External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) – Registrations

(Amount in US \$ Million)

Item	2023-24	2024	2025	
		Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
	1	2	3	4
1 Automatic Route				
1.1 Number	1188	123	107	142
1.2 Amount	29461	5762	2627	8346
2 Approval Route				
2.1 Number	33	8	1	17
2.2 Amount	19748	1972	197	2697
3 Total (1+2)				
3.1 Number	1221	131	108	159
3.2 Amount	49209	7734	2824	11043
4 Weighted Average Maturity (in years)	5.60	6.10	5.40	4.50
5 Interest Rate (per cent)				
5.1 Weighted Average Margin over alternative reference rate (ARR) for Floating Rate Loans@	1.66	1.73	1.87	1.39
5.2 Interest rate range for Fixed Rate Loans	0.00-27.00	0.00-10.63	0.00-11.00	0.00-10.63
Borrower Category				
I. Corporate Manufacturing	15836	1730	1389	2273
II. Corporate-Infrastructure	15916	2116	527	3507
a.) Transport	1505	0	371	0
b.) Energy	3513	706	49	1828
c.) Water and Sanitation	33	0	0	0
d.) Communication	6309	0	0	0
e.) Social and Commercial Infrastructure	115	20	0	2
f.) Exploration, Mining and Refinery	2480	105	100	1675
g.) Other Sub-Sectors	1961	1285	7	2
III. Corporate Service-Sector	1526	205	211	522
IV. Other Entities	1728	851	0	0
a.) units in SEZ	1	1	0	0
b.) SIDBI	0	0	0	0
c.) Exim Bank	1727	850	0	0
V. Banks	0	0	0	0
VI. Financial Institution (Other than NBFC)	20	0	0	0
VII. NBFCs	13361	2704	623	4718
a.) NBFC- IFC/AFC	7734	1145	472	1567
b.) NBFC-MFI	531	103	0	100
c.) NBFC-Others	5096	1456	151	3051
VIII. Non-Government Organization (NGO)	0	0	0	0
IX. Micro Finance Institution (MFI)	0	0	0	0
X. Others	822	128	74	23

Note: Based on applications for ECB/Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds (FCCBs) which have been allotted loan registration number during the period.

@ With effect from July 01, 2023, the benchmark rate is changed to Alternative Reference Rate (ARR)

No. 38: India's Overall Balance of Payments

(US\$ Million)

Item	Oct-Dec 2023			Oct-Dec 2024 (P)		
	Credit	Debit	Net	Credit	Debit	Net
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Overall Balance Of Payments (1+2+3)	452267	446269	5998	544591	582251	-37660
1 Current Account (1.1+ 1.2)	236020	246451	-10431	261653	273133	-11480
1.1 Merchandise	106626	178267	-71641	109817	188970	-79153
1.2 Invisibles (1.2.1+1.2.2+1.2.3)	129394	68184	61210	151837	84164	67673
1.2.1 Services	87785	42778	45007	103487	52277	51210
1.2.1.1 Travel	9850	7487	2363	10068	8371	1698
1.2.1.2 Transportation	6950	6457	493	8278	8847	-569
1.2.1.3 Insurance	811	856	-46	870	894	-24
1.2.1.4 G.n.i.e.	182	280	-98	167	307	-139
1.2.1.5 Miscellaneous	69993	27699	42294	84104	33859	50245
1.2.1.5.1 Software Services	41041	4774	36267	47619	6561	41057
1.2.1.5.2 Business Services	22647	14067	8581	29603	18252	11352
1.2.1.5.3 Financial Services	2491	956	1535	2086	741	1346
1.2.1.5.4 Communication Services	701	397	303	580	616	-37
1.2.2 Transfers	31539	2237	29302	36081	2898	33182
1.2.2.1 Official	94	230	-135	89	334	-244
1.2.2.2 Private	31445	2007	29438	35992	2565	33427
1.2.3 Income	10069	23168	-13099	12268	28988	-16720
1.2.3.1 Investment Income	8058	22292	-14233	10088	27943	-17854
1.2.3.2 Compensation of Employees	2010	876	1134	2180	1046	1135
2 Capital Account (2.1+2.2+2.3+2.4+2.5)	216247	198955	17291	282367	309118	-26751
2.1 Foreign Investment (2.1.1+2.1.2)	144352	128388	15964	192195	206344	-14148
2.1.1 Foreign Direct Investment	18875	14923	3952	20783	23560	-2776
2.1.1.1 In India	18309	9947	8362	19870	16218	3653
2.1.1.1.1 Equity	11912	8773	3140	11135	15637	-4501
2.1.1.1.2 Reinvested Earnings	5155		5155	6131		6131
2.1.1.1.3 Other Capital	1242	1175	67	2604	581	2024
2.1.1.2 Abroad	566	4976	-4410	913	7342	-6429
2.1.1.2.1 Equity	566	2355	-1789	913	3211	-2297
2.1.1.2.2 Reinvested Earnings	0	1446	-1446	0	1639	-1639
2.1.1.2.3 Other Capital	0	1174	-1174	0	2493	-2493
2.1.2 Portfolio Investment	125477	113465	12012	171412	182784	-11372
2.1.2.1 In India	124485	112814	11671	170667	182102	-11435
2.1.2.1.1 FIIs	124485	112814	11671	170667	182102	-11435
2.1.2.1.1.1 Equity	108785	102117	6668	144811	156671	-11860
2.1.2.1.1.2 Debt	15701	10697	5003	25856	25431	425
2.1.2.1.2 ADR/GDRs	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.1.2.2 Abroad	991	651	341	745	682	63
2.2 Loans (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)	25440	28191	-2751	42894	33992	8901
2.2.1 External Assistance	4605	1401	3204	2955	2289	666
2.2.1.1 By India	9	48	-40	6	26	-20
2.2.1.2 To India	4596	1353	3244	2949	2263	686
2.2.2 Commercial Borrowings	6600	11067	-4466	20838	16462	4375
2.2.2.1 By India	2712	4503	-1791	9621	9593	28
2.2.2.2 To India	3888	6564	-2676	11217	6869	4348
2.2.3 Short Term to India	14235	15723	-1489	19101	15241	3860
2.2.3.1 Buyers' credit & Suppliers' Credit >180 days	12535	15723	-3188	14260	15241	-980
2.2.3.2 Suppliers' Credit up to 180 days	1700	0	1700	4840	0	4840
2.3 Banking Capital (2.3.1+2.3.2)	40849	24492	16358	39538	49311	-9774
2.3.1 Commercial Banks	40654	24492	16162	39530	49306	-9776
2.3.1.1 Assets	16550	5276	11274	11853	25923	-14070
2.3.1.2 Liabilities	24103	19215	4888	27677	23383	4294
2.3.1.2.1 Non-Resident Deposits	22381	18461	3921	25912	22771	3141
2.3.2 Others	196	0	196	8	5	2
2.4 Rupee Debt Service		2	-2		0	0
2.5 Other Capital	5606	17884	-12278	7740	19471	-11730
3 Errors & Omissions	0	862	-862	571	0	571
4 Monetary Movements (4.1+ 4.2)	0	5998	-5998	37660	0	37660
4.1 I.M.F.	0	0	0	0	0	0
4.2 Foreign Exchange Reserves (Increase - / Decrease +)		5998	-5998	37660		37660

Note: P: Preliminary.

No. 39: India's Overall Balance of Payments

(₹ Crore)

Item	Oct-Dec 2023			Oct-Dec 2024 (P)		
	Credit	Debit	Net	Credit	Debit	Net
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Overall Balance Of Payments (1+2+3)	3766056	3716109	49947	4599615	4917695	-318081
1 Current Account (1.1+ 1.2)	1965353	2052216	-86862	2209923	2306886	-96963
1.1 Merchandise	887883	1484446	-596562	927511	1596038	-668527
1.2 Invisibles (1.2.1+1.2.2+1.2.3)	1077470	567770	509700	1282412	710849	571564
1.2.1 Services	730995	356218	374778	874055	441534	432521
1.2.1.1 Travel	82022	62341	19681	85035	70697	14338
1.2.1.2 Transportation	57875	53767	4108	69915	74723	-4807
1.2.1.3 Insurance	6749	7130	-381	7347	7553	-206
1.2.1.4 G.n.i.e.	1512	2328	-816	1413	2590	-1177
1.2.1.5 Miscellaneous	582837	230650	352187	710344	285971	424373
1.2.1.5.1 Software Services	341751	39756	301995	402186	55417	346769
1.2.1.5.2 Business Services	188585	117135	71450	250030	154153	95877
1.2.1.5.3 Financial Services	20739	7958	12781	17623	6256	11367
1.2.1.5.4 Communication Services	5834	3309	2524	4896	5207	-310
1.2.2 Transfers	262631	18628	244002	304738	24479	280259
1.2.2.1 Official	785	1913	-1127	753	2817	-2064
1.2.2.2 Private	261845	16716	245130	303985	21662	282323
1.2.3 Income	83844	192924	-109080	103619	244836	-141216
1.2.3.1 Investment Income	67103	185626	-118523	85206	236005	-150799
1.2.3.2 Compensation of Employees	16741	7298	9443	18413	8831	9582
2 Capital Account (2.1+2.2+2.3+2.4+2.5)	1800703	1656716	143987	2384871	2610809	-225938
2.1 Foreign Investment (2.1.1+2.1.2)	1202027	1069092	132935	1623281	1742779	-119498
2.1.1 Foreign Direct Investment	157173	124264	32909	175537	198987	-23449
2.1.1.1 In India	152460	82832	69628	167826	136974	30852
2.1.1.1.1 Equity	99194	73050	26144	94049	132068	-38019
2.1.1.1.2 Reinvested Earnings	42926	0	42926	51780	0	51780
2.1.1.1.3 Other Capital	10340	9783	557	21996	4905	17091
2.1.1.2 Abroad	4713	41432	-36718	7712	62013	-54301
2.1.1.2.1 Equity	4713	19610	-14897	7712	27116	-19405
2.1.1.2.2 Reinvested Earnings	0	12044	-12044	0	13842	-13842
2.1.1.2.3 Other Capital	0	9777	-9777	0	21055	-21055
2.1.2 Portfolio Investment	1044854	944828	100026	1447744	1543792	-96048
2.1.2.1 In India	1036599	939411	97188	1441453	1538030	-96577
2.1.2.1.1 FIIs	1036599	939411	97188	1441453	1538030	-96577
2.1.2.1.1.1 Equity	905860	850336	55523	1223076	1323243	-100167
2.1.2.1.1.2 Debt	130739	89075	41664	218376	214787	3590
2.1.2.1.2 ADR/GDRs	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.1.2.2 Abroad	8255	5417	2838	6291	5762	529
2.2 Loans (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)	211839	234747	-22908	362279	287097	75181
2.2.1 External Assistance	38345	11667	26679	24961	19334	5626
2.2.1.1 By India	72	404	-331	52	217	-166
2.2.1.2 To India	38273	11263	27010	24909	19117	5792
2.2.2 Commercial Borrowings	54961	92153	-37192	175994	139042	36953
2.2.2.1 By India	22583	37494	-14911	81258	81026	232
2.2.2.2 To India	32378	54659	-22281	94736	58016	36720
2.2.3 Short Term to India	118532	130928	-12396	161324	128721	32602
2.2.3.1 Buyers' credit & Suppliers' Credit >180 days	104379	130928	-26549	120442	128721	-8280
2.2.3.2 Suppliers' Credit up to 180 days	14154	0	14154	40882	0	40882
2.3 Banking Capital (2.3.1+2.3.2)	340156	203943	136212	333936	416483	-82547
2.3.1 Commercial Banks	338525	203943	134582	333872	416438	-82566
2.3.1.1 Assets	137815	43936	93879	100112	218949	-118837
2.3.1.2 Liabilities	200710	160008	40702	233760	197489	36271
2.3.1.2.1 Non-Resident Deposits	186372	153723	32648	218851	192322	26530
2.3.2 Others	1630	0	1630	64	45	19
2.4 Rupee Debt Service	0	13	-13	0	0	0
2.5 Other Capital	46682	148921	-102239	65376	164450	-99074
3 Errors & Omissions	0	7177	-7177	4820	0	4820
4 Monetary Movements (4.1+ 4.2)	0	49947	-49947	318081	0	318081
4.1 I.M.F.	0	0	0	0	0	0
4.2 Foreign Exchange Reserves (Increase - / Decrease +)	0	49947	-49947	318081	0	318081

Note: P: Preliminary.

No. 40: Standard Presentation of BoP in India as per BPM6

(US\$ Million)

Item	Oct-Dec 2023			Oct-Dec 2024 (P)		
	Credit	Debit	Net	Credit	Debit	Net
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 Current Account (1.A+1.B+1.C)	236013	246429	-10416	261647	273103	-11457
1.A Goods and Services (1.A.a+1.A.b)	194412	221046	-26634	213304	241247	-27943
1.A.a Goods (1.A.a.1 to 1.A.a.3)	106626	178267	-71641	109817	188970	-79153
1.A.a.1 General merchandise on a BOP basis	106094	164567	-58473	109391	169503	-60112
1.A.a.2 Net exports of goods under merchandising	532	0	532	426	0	426
1.A.a.3 Nonmonetary gold	0	13701	-13701	0	19467	-19467
1.A.b Services (1.A.b.1 to 1.A.b.13)	87785	42778	45007	103487	52277	51210
1.A.b.1 Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others	330	20	310	244	31	213
1.A.b.2 Maintenance and repair services n.i.e.	49	297	-248	82	305	-223
1.A.b.3 Transport	6950	6457	493	8278	8847	-569
1.A.b.4 Travel	9850	7487	2363	10068	8371	1698
1.A.b.5 Construction	1097	624	473	1047	834	213
1.A.b.6 Insurance and pension services	811	856	-46	870	894	-24
1.A.b.7 Financial services	2491	956	1535	2086	741	1346
1.A.b.8 Charges for the use of intellectual property n.i.e.	434	4633	-4199	621	4573	-3952
1.A.b.9 Telecommunications, computer, and information services	41837	5400	36437	48296	7416	40880
1.A.b.10 Other business services	22647	14067	8581	29603	18252	11352
1.A.b.11 Personal, cultural, and recreational services	1006	1464	-459	1148	1242	-95
1.A.b.12 Government goods and services n.i.e.	182	280	-98	167	307	-139
1.A.b.13 Others n.i.e.	103	239	-136	977	465	513
1.B Primary Income (1.B.1 to 1.B.3)	10069	23168	-13099	12268	28988	-16720
1.B.1 Compensation of employees	2010	876	1134	2180	1046	1135
1.B.2 Investment income	6557	21972	-15415	8021	27150	-19128
1.B.2.1 Direct investment	2104	13735	-11631	2558	17331	-14772
1.B.2.2 Portfolio investment	51	1911	-1860	95	2596	-2502
1.B.2.3 Other investment	557	6102	-5545	690	7019	-6329
1.B.2.4 Reserve assets	3845	224	3621	4678	204	4474
1.B.3 Other primary income	1501	320	1181	2067	793	1274
1.C Secondary Income (1.C.1+1.C.2)	31532	2215	29317	36074	2868	33206
1.C.1 Financial corporations, nonfinancial corporations, households, and NPISHs	31445	2007	29438	35992	2565	33427
1.C.1.1 Personal transfers (Current transfers between resident and/non-resident households)	30589	1430	29160	35063	1871	33192
1.C.1.2 Other current transfers	856	578	278	928	694	234
1.C.2 General government	87	208	-120	83	303	-221
2 Capital Account (2.1+2.2)	191	280	-89	185	322	-137
2.1 Gross acquisitions (DR.) / disposals (CR.) of non-produced nonfinancial assets	36	86	-50	16	151	-135
2.2 Capital transfers	155	194	-38	169	171	-2
3 Financial Account (3.1 to 3.5)	216063	204696	11367	319849	308826	11023
3.1 Direct Investment (3.1.A+3.1.B)	18875	14923	3952	20783	23560	-2776
3.1.A Direct Investment in India	18309	9947	8362	19870	16218	3653
3.1.A.1 Equity and investment fund shares	17067	8773	8295	17266	15637	1629
3.1.A.1.1 Equity other than reinvestment of earnings	11912	8773	3140	11135	15637	-4501
3.1.A.1.2 Reinvestment of earnings	5155	0	5155	6131	0	6131
3.1.A.2 Debt instruments	1242	1175	67	2604	581	2024
3.1.A.2.1 Direct investor in direct investment enterprises	1242	1175	67	2604	581	2024
3.1.B Direct Investment by India	566	4976	-4410	913	7342	-6429
3.1.B.1 Equity and investment fund shares	566	3801	-3235	913	4849	-3936
3.1.B.1.1 Equity other than reinvestment of earnings	566	2355	-1789	913	3211	-2297
3.1.B.1.2 Reinvestment of earnings	0	1446	-1446	0	1639	-1639
3.1.B.2 Debt instruments	0	1174	-1174	0	2493	-2493
3.1.B.2.1 Direct investor in direct investment enterprises	0	1174	-1174	0	2493	-2493
3.2 Portfolio Investment	125477	113465	12012	171412	182784	-11372
3.2.A Portfolio Investment in India	124485	112814	11671	170667	182102	-11435
3.2.1 Equity and investment fund shares	108785	102117	6668	144811	156671	-11860
3.2.2 Debt securities	15701	10697	5003	25856	25431	425
3.2.B Portfolio Investment by India	991	651	341	745	682	63
3.3 Financial derivatives (other than reserves) and employee stock options	5776	7904	-2128	6569	12105	-5536
3.4 Other investment	65936	62407	3529	83424	90377	-6953
3.4.1 Other equity (ADRs/GDRs)	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.4.2 Currency and deposits	22577	18461	4117	25919	22776	3143
3.4.2.1 Central bank (Rupee Debt Movements; NRG)	196	0	196	8	5	2
3.4.2.2 Deposit-taking corporations, except the central bank (NRI Deposits)	22381	18461	3921	25912	22771	3141
3.4.2.3 General government	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.4.2.4 Other sectors	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.4.3 Loans (External Assistance, ECBs and Banking Capital)	29477	18499	10979	37411	45287	-7876
3.4.3.A Loans to India	26757	13948	12809	27784	35668	-7883
3.4.3.B Loans by India	2721	4551	-1830	9627	9619	8
3.4.4 Insurance, pension, and standardized guarantee schemes	37	158	-121	52	59	-7
3.4.5 Trade credit and advances	14235	15723	-1489	19101	15241	3860
3.4.6 Other accounts receivable/payable - other	-390	9566	-9957	941	7015	-6074
3.4.7 Special drawing rights	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.5 Reserve assets	0	5998	-5998	37660	0	37660
3.5.1 Monetary gold	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.5.2 Special drawing rights n.a.	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.5.3 Reserve position in the IMF n.a.	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.5.4 Other reserve assets (Foreign Currency Assets)	0	5998	-5998	37660	0	37660
4 Total assets/liabilities	216063	204696	11367	319849	308826	11023
4.1 Equity and investment fund shares	133222	123403	9819	170356	190003	-19647
4.2 Debt instruments	83231	65728	17503	110891	111808	-916
4.3 Other financial assets and liabilities	-390	15565	-15955	38601	7015	31586
5 Net errors and omissions	0	862	-862	571	0	571

Note: P: Preliminary.

No. 41: Standard Presentation of BoP in India as per BPM6

(₹ Crore)

Item	Oct-Dec 2023			Oct-Dec 2024 (P)		
	Credit	Debit	Net	Credit	Debit	Net
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 Current Account (1.A+1.B+1.C)	1965295	2052031	-86736	2209867	2306632	-96765
1.A Goods and Services (1.A.a+1.A.b)	1618879	1840663	-221785	1801566	2037572	-236006
1.A.a Goods (1.A.a.1 to 1.A.a.3)	887883	1484446	-596562	927511	1596038	-668527
1.A.a.1 General merchandise on a BOP basis	883452	1370357	-486905	923914	1431621	-507707
1.A.a.2 Net exports of goods under merchandising	4432	0	4432	3597	0	3597
1.A.a.3 Nonmonetary gold	0	114089	-114089	0	164417	-164417
1.A.b Services (1.A.b.1 to 1.A.b.13)	730995	356218	374778	874055	441534	432521
1.A.b.1 Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others	2746	163	2583	2061	262	1798
1.A.b.2 Maintenance and repair services n.i.e.	407	2474	-2067	689	2574	-1886
1.A.b.3 Transport	57875	53767	4108	69915	74723	-4807
1.A.b.4 Travel	82022	62341	19681	85035	70697	14338
1.A.b.5 Construction	9139	5196	3942	8843	7044	1799
1.A.b.6 Insurance and pension services	6749	7130	-381	7347	7553	-206
1.A.b.7 Financial services	20739	7958	12781	17623	6256	11367
1.A.b.8 Charges for the use of intellectual property n.i.e.	3611	38576	-34965	5245	38627	-33383
1.A.b.9 Telecommunications, computer, and information services	348376	44964	303412	407907	62636	345271
1.A.b.10 Other business services	188585	117135	71450	250030	154153	95877
1.A.b.11 Personal, cultural, and recreational services	8373	12194	-3820	9693	10492	-799
1.A.b.12 Government goods and services n.i.e.	1512	2328	-816	1413	2590	-1177
1.A.b.13 Others n.i.e.	861	1991	-1130	8255	3926	4329
1.B Primary Income (1.B.1 to 1.B.3)	83844	192924	-109080	103619	244836	-141216
1.B.1 Compensation of employees	16741	7298	9443	18413	8831	9582
1.B.2 Investment income	54604	182963	-128359	67749	229307	-161558
1.B.2.1 Direct investment	17522	114371	-96848	21607	146374	-124767
1.B.2.2 Portfolio investment	425	15915	-15490	800	21930	-21130
1.B.2.3 Other investment	4636	50812	-46176	5827	59279	-53452
1.B.2.4 Reserve assets	32021	1866	30155	39515	1724	37791
1.B.3 Other primary income	12499	2663	9836	17457	6698	10760
1.C Secondary Income (1.C.1+1.C.2)	262572	18444	244128	304682	24225	280457
1.C.1 Financial corporations, nonfinancial corporations, households, and NPISHs	261845	16716	245130	303985	21662	282323
1.C.1.1 Personal transfers (Current transfers between resident and/non-resident households)	254718	11904	242814	296144	15800	280343
1.C.1.2 Other current transfers	7127	4811	2316	7842	5862	1980
1.C.2 General government	727	1728	-1001	697	2563	-1866
2 Capital Account (2.1+2.2)	1590	2328	-739	1564	2720	-1156
2.1 Gross acquisitions (DR./)disposals (CR.) of non-produced nonfinancial assets	296	715	-419	136	1275	-1139
2.2 Capital transfers	1293	1613	-320	1428	1445	-17
3 Financial Account (3.1 to 3.5)	1799172	1704519	94652	2701444	2608343	93101
3.1 Direct Investment (3.1.A+3.1.B)	157173	124264	32909	175537	198987	-23449
3.1.A Direct Investment in India	152460	82832	69628	167826	136974	30852
3.1.A.1 Equity and investment fund shares	142120	73050	69070	145829	132068	13761
3.1.A.1.1 Equity other than reinvestment of earnings	99194	73050	26144	94049	132068	-38019
3.1.A.1.2 Reinvestment of earnings	42926	0	42926	51780	0	51780
3.1.A.2 Debt instruments	10340	9783	557	21996	4905	17091
3.1.A.2.1 Direct investor in direct investment enterprises	10340	9783	557	21996	4905	17091
3.1.B Direct Investment by India	4713	41432	-36718	7712	62013	-54301
3.1.B.1 Equity and investment fund shares	4713	31654	-26941	7712	40958	-33246
3.1.B.1.1 Equity other than reinvestment of earnings	4713	19610	-14897	7712	27116	-19405
3.1.B.1.2 Reinvestment of earnings	0	12044	-12044	0	13842	-13842
3.1.B.2 Debt instruments	0	9777	-9777	0	21055	-21055
3.1.B.2.1 Direct investor in direct investment enterprises	0	9777	-9777	0	21055	-21055
3.2 Portfolio Investment	1044854	944828	100026	1447744	1543792	-96048
3.2.A Portfolio Investment in India	1036599	939411	97188	1441453	1538030	-96577
3.2.1 Equity and investment fund shares	905860	850336	55523	1223076	1323243	-100167
3.2.2 Debt securities	130739	89075	41664	218376	214787	3590
3.2.B Portfolio Investment by India	8255	5417	2838	6291	5762	529
3.3 Financial derivatives (other than reserves) and employee stock options	48093	65814	-17720	55483	102239	-46756
3.4 Other investment	549051	519667	29385	704599	763325	-58727
3.4.1 Other equity (ADRs/GDRs)	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.4.2 Currency and deposits	188002	153723	34279	218915	192367	26549
3.4.2.1 Central bank (Rupee Debt Movements; NRG)	1630	0	1630	64	45	19
3.4.2.2 Deposit-taking corporations, except the central bank (NRI Deposits)	186372	153723	32648	218851	192322	26530
3.4.2.3 General government	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.4.2.4 Other sectors	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.4.3 Loans (External Assistance, ECBs and Banking Capital)	245460	154040	91420	315976	382492	-66517
3.4.3.A Loans to India	222804	116142	106662	234666	301249	-66583
3.4.3.B Loans by India	22656	37898	-15242	81310	81243	67
3.4.4 Insurance, pension, and standardized guarantee schemes	306	1315	-1009	437	497	-59
3.4.5 Trade credit and advances	118532	130928	-12396	161324	128721	32602
3.4.6 Other accounts receivable/payable - other	-3249	79661	-82910	7947	59249	-51302
3.4.7 Special drawing rights	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.5 Reserve assets	0	49947	-49947	318081	0	318081
3.5.1 Monetary gold	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.5.2 Special drawing rights n.a.	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.5.3 Reserve position in the IMF n.a.	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.5.4 Other reserve assets (Foreign Currency Assets)	0	49947	-49947	318081	0	318081
4 Total assets/liabilities	1799172	1704519	94652	2701444	2608343	93101
4.1 Equity and investment fund shares	1109347	1027586	81762	1438829	1604767	-165939
4.2 Debt instruments	693073	547325	145748	936587	944327	-7740
4.3 Other financial assets and liabilities	-3249	129608	-132857	326028	59249	266779
5 Net errors and omissions	0	7177	-7177	4820	0	4820

Note: P: Preliminary.

No. 42: India's International Investment Position

(US\$ Million)

Item	As on Financial Year/Quarter End							
	2023-24		2023		2024			
			Dec.		Sep.		Dec.	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1. Direct investment Abroad/in India	242271	542950	236506	536935	253846	555666	260275	547588
1.1 Equity Capital*	153343	511142	149394	505572	161794	523146	165730	513545
1.2 Other Capital	88927	31808	87112	31363	92053	32520	94545	34043
2. Portfolio investment	12469	276739	11744	268727	12503	293843	12173	276024
2.1 Equity	10942	162061	9523	161206	11241	170934	9356	155573
2.2 Debt	1527	114678	2220	107521	1262	122909	2817	120451
3. Other investment	132654	575284	128316	561466	146714	622795	170554	619611
3.1 Trade credit	33450	123723	31689	123290	32953	130938	33280	135136
3.2 Loan	17547	221894	18510	214954	22147	239779	22523	240977
3.3 Currency and Deposits	53519	154787	44339	149326	56105	164076	68630	165713
3.4 Other Assets/Liabilities	28138	74880	33777	73895	35510	88002	46121	77784
4. Reserves	646419		622452		705782		635701	
5. Total Assets/ Liabilities	1033812	1394973	999018	1367128	1118845	1472304	1078704	1443223
6. Net IIP (Assets - Liabilities)	-361161		-368110		-353459		-364519	

Note: * Equity capital includes share of investment funds and reinvested earnings.

Payment and Settlement Systems

No.43: Payment System Indicators

PART I - Payment System Indicators - Payment & Settlement System Statistics

System	Volume (Lakh)				Value (₹ Crore)			
	FY 2024-25	2024	2025		FY 2024-25	2024	2025	
		Mar.	Feb.	Mar.		Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A. Settlement Systems								
Financial Market Infrastructures (FMIs)								
I CCIL Operated Systems (1.1 to 1.3)	47.40	3.48	3.72	4.36	296218030	21627756	25171733	27936158
1.1 Govt. Securities Clearing (1.1.1 to 1.1.3)	17.87	1.14	1.16	1.33	185733719	13374679	14137926	15356048
1.1.1 Outright	10.56	0.60	0.63	0.76	16056018	981057	1088598	1297378
1.1.2 Repo	4.72	0.35	0.33	0.36	77286611	6226720	5916603	6589738
1.1.3 Tri-party Repo	2.58	0.19	0.20	0.21	92391091	6166902	7132725	7468932
1.2 Forex Clearing	28.06	2.27	2.45	2.94	100639565	7795104	9957432	11758724
1.3 Rupee Derivatives @	1.46	0.07	0.12	0.09	9844746	457973	1076374	821387
B. Payment Systems								
I Financial Market Infrastructures (FMIs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I Credit Transfers - RTGS (1.1 to 1.2)	3024.55	278.47	244.20	307.03	201387682	18128366	16099371	21401969
1.1 Customer Transactions	3010.32	277.25	243.05	305.71	181153129	16588625	14226027	19394683
1.2 Interbank Transactions	14.23	1.22	1.16	1.32	20234553	1539741	1873344	2007287
II Retail								
2 Credit Transfers - Retail (2.1 to 2.6)	2061014.91	152969.08	177394.61	202008.61	79781976	7152557	6497660	8242601
2.1 AePS (Fund Transfers) @	3.64	0.34	0.28	0.31	190	22	16	16
2.2 APBS \$	32964.43	3014.53	3103.12	3506.60	554034	44707	57097	66841
2.3 IMPS	56249.68	5806.36	4048.29	4616.39	7139110	634706	563082	667813
2.4 NACH Cr \$	16938.86	1808.71	1533.06	1861.26	1670223	173928	140881	176401
2.5 NEFT	96198.05	7939.10	7647.93	9008.97	44361464	4320840	3540103	4854308
2.6 UPI @	1858660.25	134400.04	161061.93	183015.08	26056955	1978353	2196482	2477222
2.6.1 of which USSD @	17.24	1.78	1.15	1.26	185	20	13	14
3 Debit Transfers and Direct Debits (3.1 to 3.3)	21659.95	1661.00	1862.80	1891.35	2208583	165047	193068	211047
3.1 BHIM Aadhaar Pay @	230.08	22.68	15.67	19.59	6907	584	494	611
3.2 NACH Dr \$	19762.28	1492.00	1701.10	1724.79	2199327	164223	192387	210246
3.3 NETC (linked to bank account) @	1667.59	146.32	146.03	146.97	2349	240	186	191
4 Card Payments (4.1 to 4.2)	63861.15	5034.13	5052.09	5789.52	2605110	209208	201522	240549
4.1 Credit Cards (4.1.1 to 4.1.2)	47740.76	3439.38	3969.59	4586.50	2109197	164459	167208	201494
4.1.1 PoS based \$	24571.10	1800.04	1999.96	2302.66	795022	60378	62125	71473
4.1.2 Others \$	23169.66	1639.34	1969.63	2283.84	1314175	104081	105083	130021
4.2 Debit Cards (4.2.1 to 4.2.1)	16120.39	1594.75	1082.50	1203.02	495914	44749	34314	39055
4.2.1 PoS based \$	11980.33	1163.77	803.42	895.82	332556	29309	23216	25818
4.2.2 Others \$	4140.06	430.98	279.07	307.20	163358	15440	11098	13237
5 Prepaid Payment Instruments (5.1 to 5.2)	70254.08	5804.85	6398.44	6783.69	216751	18200	19236	21465
5.1 Wallets	52898.40	4489.88	4850.75	5061.17	154066	13741	14404	16077
5.2 Cards (5.2.1 to 5.2.2)	17355.68	1314.97	1547.69	1722.52	62686	4459	4833	5388
5.2.1 PoS based \$	8240.14	699.02	641.84	648.24	11512	964	969	1016
5.2.2 Others \$	9115.54	615.95	905.86	1074.28	51174	3495	3863	4372
6 Paper-based Instruments (6.1 to 6.2)	6095.38	585.31	462.02	531.76	7113350	688745	540834	659873
6.1 CTS (NPCI Managed)	6095.38	585.31	462.02	531.76	7113350	688745	540834	659873
6.2 Others	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Retail Payments (2+3+4+5+6)	2222885.46	166054.37	191169.95	217004.93	91925771	8233757	7452321	9375535
Total Payments (1+2+3+4+5+6)	2225910.01	166332.85	191414.16	217311.96	293313453	26362123	23551692	30777505
Total Digital Payments (1+2+3+4+5)	2219814.63	165747.54	190952.14	216780.20	286200103	25673378	23010857	30117631

PART II - Payment Modes and Channels

System	Volume (Lakh)				Value (₹ Crore)			
	FY 2024-25	2024	2025		FY 2024-25	2024	2025	
		Mar.	Feb.	Mar.		Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A. Other Payment Channels								
1 Mobile Payments (mobile app based) (1.1 to 1.2)	1756974.67	128625.58	150031.46	171171.98	39206151	3131961	3215517	3769602
1.1 Intra-bank \$	110801.96	8771.04	8703.42	9863.76	7207439	602816	558355	670272
1.2 Inter-bank \$	1646172.70	119854.54	141328.04	161308.22	31998712	2529145	2657162	3099330
2 Internet Payments (Netbanking / Internet Browser Based) @ (2.1 to 2.2)	47469.06	4250.54	3635.80	4087.21	131513970	10374045	10339284	13648178
2.1 Intra-bank @	13055.94	1142.99	1003.69	1008.66	68879807	5235835	5354635	7112061
2.2 Inter-bank @	34413.13	3107.55	2632.11	3078.55	62634163	5138210	4984649	6536117
B. ATMs								
3 Cash Withdrawal at ATMs \$ (3.1 to 3.3)	60308.11	5563.96	4497.97	4983.78	3063077	278271	235618	263892
3.1 Using Credit Cards \$	97.25	8.83	6.84	7.43	5084	446	370	410
3.2 Using Debit Cards \$	59965.70	5528.63	4473.77	4957.22	3046987	276714	234408	262540
3.3 Using Pre-paid Cards \$	245.16	26.50	17.36	19.13	11005	1111	840	942
4 Cash Withdrawal at PoS \$ (4.1 to 4.2)	3.58	0.53	0.22	0.22	37	5	2	2
4.1 Using Debit Cards \$	3.33	0.51	0.19	0.19	35	5	2	2
4.2 Using Pre-paid Cards \$	0.25	0.02	0.03	0.03	3	0	0	0
5 Cash Withdrawal at Micro ATMs @	11640.55	1059.56	921.64	1102.31	296622	27303	23605	29561
5.1 AePS @	11640.55	1059.56	921.64	1102.31	296622	27303	23605	29561

PART III - Payment Infrastructures (Lakh)

System	As on March 2025	2024	2025	
		Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
	1	2	3	4
Payment System Infrastructures				
1 Number of Cards (1.1 to 1.2)	11006.97	10667.22	10949.92	11006.97
1.1 Credit Cards	1098.85	1018.03	1093.15	1098.85
1.2 Debit Cards	9908.12	9649.19	9856.77	9908.12
2 Number of PPIs @ (2.1 to 2.2)	13396.53	16743.63	13614.38	13396.53
2.1 Wallets @	8673.62	13381.80	9001.61	8673.62
2.2 Cards @	4722.91	3361.82	4612.77	4722.91
3 Number of ATMs (3.1 to 3.2)	2.56	2.58	2.58	2.56
3.1 Bank owned ATMs \$	2.20	2.23	2.22	2.20
3.2 White Label ATMs \$	0.36	0.35	0.36	0.36
4 Number of Micro ATMs @	14.82	17.55	14.68	14.82
5 Number of PoS Terminals	110.98	89.03	107.18	110.98
6 Bharat QR @	67.18	62.50	65.48	67.18
7 UPI QR *	6579.30	3434.93	6496.91	6579.30

@: New inclusion w.e.f. November 2019

#: Data reported by Co-operative Banks, LABs and RRBs included with effect from December 2021.

\$: Inclusion separately initiated from November 2019 - would have been part of other items hitherto.

*: New inclusion w.e.f. September 2020; Includes only static UPI QR Code

Note : 1. Data is provisional.

2. ECS (Debit and Credit) has been merged with NACH with effect from January 31, 2020.

3. The data from November 2019 onwards for card payments (Debit/Credit cards) and Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) may not be comparable with earlier months/ periods, as more granular data is being published along with revision in data definitions.

4. Only domestic financial transactions are considered. The new format captures e-commerce transactions; transactions using FASTags, digital bill payments and card-to-card transfer through ATMs, etc.. Also, failed transactions, chargebacks, reversals, expired cards/ wallets, are excluded.

Part I-A. Settlement systems

1.1.3: Tri- party Repo under the securities segment has been operationalised from November 05, 2018.

Part I-B. Payments systems

4.1.2: 'Others' includes e-commerce transactions and digital bill payments through ATMs, etc.

4.2.2: 'Others' includes e-commerce transactions, card to card transfers and digital bill payments through ATMs, etc.

5. Available from December 2010.

5.1: includes purchase of goods and services and fund transfer through wallets.

5.2: includes usage of PPI Cards for online transactions and other transactions.

6.1: Pertain to three grids – Mumbai, New Delhi and Chennai.

6.2: 'Others' comprises of Non-MICR transactions which pertains to clearing houses managed by 21 banks.

Part II-A. Other payment channels

1: Mobile Payments –

o Include transactions done through mobile apps of banks and UPI apps.

o The data from July 2017 includes only individual payments and corporate payments initiated, processed, and authorised using mobile device. Other corporate payments which are not initiated, processed, and authorised using mobile device are excluded.

2: Internet Payments – includes only e-commerce transactions through 'netbanking' and any financial transaction using internet banking website of the bank.

Part II-B. ATMs

3.3 and 4.2: only relates to transactions using bank issued PPIs.

Part III. Payment systems infrastructure

3: Includes ATMs deployed by Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) and White Label ATM Operators (WLAOs). WLAOs are included from April 2014 onwards.

Occasional Series

No. 44: Small Savings

(₹ Crore)

Scheme		2023-24	2023		2024	
			Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		1	2	3	4	5
1 Small Savings	Receipts	232460	16670	10981	9805	11133
	Outstanding	1865029	1789946	1962367	1971752	1982465
1.1 Total Deposits	Receipts	161344	12386	8792	7469	8734
	Outstanding	1298795	1247555	1379283	1386750	1395484
1.1.1 Post Office Saving Bank Deposits	Receipts	17229	2279	1062	20	1090
	Outstanding	191692	213964	200889	200909	201999
1.1.2 Sukanya Samridhi Yojna	Receipts	35174	2171	1787	1944	2244
	Outstanding	157611	104859	172819	174763	177007
1.1.3 National Saving Scheme, 1987	Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
	Outstanding	0	0	0	0	0
1.1.4 National Saving Scheme, 1992	Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
	Outstanding	0	0	0	0	0
1.1.5 Monthly Income Scheme	Receipts	26696	1713	1033	900	827
	Outstanding	269007	263383	280416	281316	282142
1.1.6 Senior Citizen Scheme 2004	Receipts	38167	2197	1699	1609	1531
	Outstanding	175472	169033	191465	193074	194605
1.1.7 Post Office Time Deposits	Receipts	25341	2429	2121	2109	2125
	Outstanding	305776	297989	326679	328786	330912
1.1.7.1 1 year Time Deposits	Outstanding	140423	135196	155580	157349	159174
1.1.7.2 2 year Time Deposits	Outstanding	11967	11265	13910	14093	14299
1.1.7.3 3 year Time Deposits	Outstanding	8932	8472	10033	10166	10308
1.1.7.4 5 year Time Deposits	Outstanding	144454	143056	147156	147178	147131
1.1.8 Post Office Recurring Deposits	Receipts	18713	1616	1238	1023	1025
	Outstanding	197134	196491	205221	206244	207269
1.1.9 Post Office Cumulative Time Deposits	Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
	Outstanding	0	0	0	0	0
1.1.10 Other Deposits	Receipts	8	-19	-149	-137	-108
	Outstanding	1754	1488	1440	1303	1195
1.1.11 PM Care for children	Receipts	16	0	1	1	0
	Outstanding	349	348	354	355	355
1.2 Saving Certificates	Receipts	56069	3957	2080	2184	2226
	Outstanding	418021	407244	434502	436268	438074
1.2.1 National Savings Certificate VIII issue	Receipts	16853	1213	637	524	430
	Outstanding	183905	177154	191667	192191	192621
1.2.2 Indira Vikas Patras	Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
	Outstanding	0	0	0	0	0
1.2.3 Kisan Vikas Patras	Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
	Outstanding	0	0	0	0	0
1.2.4 Kisan Vikas Patras - 2014	Receipts	20939	1568	783	932	1113
	Outstanding	220560	216509	226662	227594	228707
1.2.5 National Saving Certificate VI issue	Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
	Outstanding	0	0	0	0	0
1.2.6 National Saving Certificate VII issue	Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
	Outstanding	0	0	0	0	0
1.2.7 M.S. Certificates	Receipts	18277	1176	660	728	683
	Outstanding	18277	15064	23891	24620	25303
1.2.8 Other Certificates	Outstanding	-4721	-1483	-7718	-8137	-8557
1.3 Public Provident Fund	Receipts	15047	327	109	152	173
	Outstanding	148213	135147	148582	148734	148907

Note : Data on receipts from April 2017 are net receipts, i.e., gross receipt minus gross payment.

Source: Accountant General, Post and Telegraphs.

No. 45 : Ownership Pattern of Central and State Governments Securities

(Per cent)

Central Government Dated Securities					
Category	2023		2024		
	Dec.	Mar.	Jun.	Sep.	Dec.
	1	2	3	4	5
(A) Total (in ₹. Crore)	10538792	10740389	10946860	11271589	11422728
1 Commercial Banks	37.55	37.66	37.52	37.55	37.98
2 Co-operative Banks	1.49	1.47	1.42	1.35	1.36
3 Non-Bank PDs	0.67	0.66	0.70	0.77	0.65
4 Insurance Companies	26.16	25.98	26.11	25.95	26.14
5 Mutual Funds	3.03	2.90	2.87	3.14	3.11
6 Provident Funds	4.57	4.47	4.41	4.25	4.25
7 Pension Funds	4.44	4.52	4.74	4.86	5.05
8 Financial Institutions	0.55	0.55	0.57	0.63	0.64
9 Corporates	1.33	1.35	1.44	1.60	1.45
10 Foreign Portfolio Investors	1.92	2.34	2.34	2.80	2.81
11 RBI	12.54	12.31	11.92	11.16	10.55
12 Others	5.74	5.79	5.97	5.92	6.01
12.1 State Governments	2.07	2.04	2.13	2.19	2.21

State Governments Securities					
Category	2023		2024		
	Dec.	Mar.	Jun.	Sep.	Dec.
	1	2	3	4	5
(B) Total (in ₹. Crore)	5338587	5646219	5727482	5909490	6055711
1 Commercial Banks	33.90	34.14	33.85	34.39	35.11
2 Co-operative Banks	3.53	3.39	3.38	3.29	3.22
3 Non-Bank PDs	0.63	0.60	0.59	0.60	0.53
4 Insurance Companies	26.64	26.14	25.85	25.56	25.16
5 Mutual Funds	2.00	2.09	2.08	1.93	1.89
6 Provident Funds	22.00	22.35	22.94	23.02	22.90
7 Pension Funds	4.56	4.76	4.87	4.87	4.82
8 Financial Institutions	1.63	1.59	1.58	1.57	1.58
9 Corporates	2.03	2.02	2.03	1.95	1.97
10 Foreign Portfolio Investors	0.03	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.03
11 RBI	0.66	0.63	0.62	0.60	0.58
12 Others	2.37	2.20	2.17	2.18	2.19
12.1 State Governments	0.27	0.25	0.26	0.26	0.26

Treasury Bills					
Category	2023		2024		
	Dec.	Mar.	Jun.	Sep.	Dec.
	1	2	3	4	5
(C) Total (in ₹. Crore)	849151	871662	858193	747242	760045
1 Commercial Banks	57.18	58.53	47.79	44.74	40.45
2 Co-operative Banks	1.28	1.67	1.49	1.58	1.22
3 Non-Bank PDs	1.70	1.66	2.69	2.28	1.41
4 Insurance Companies	5.50	5.06	5.78	5.26	4.73
5 Mutual Funds	11.21	11.89	14.50	15.06	15.41
6 Provident Funds	0.08	0.15	0.60	0.26	0.04
7 Pension Funds	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
8 Financial Institutions	5.34	7.16	6.56	6.36	6.77
9 Corporates	4.58	4.50	4.79	4.66	4.56
10 Foreign Portfolio Investors	0.07	0.01	0.20	0.15	0.12
11 RBI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12 Others	13.06	9.36	15.59	19.65	25.29
12.1 State Governments	9.26	5.88	11.55	14.95	20.11

Note: (-) represents nil or negligible

The table format is revised since monthly Bulletin for the month of June 2023.

Central Government Dated Securities include special securities and Sovereign Gold Bonds.

State Government Securities include special bonds issued under Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY).

Bank PDs are clubbed under Commercial Banks.

The category 'Others' comprises State Governments, DICGC, PSUs, Trusts, Foreign Central Banks, HUF/ Individuals etc.

Data since September 2023 includes the impact of the merger of a non-bank with a bank.

No. 46: Combined Receipts and Disbursements of the Central and State Governments

(₹ Crore)

Item	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 RE	2024-25 BE
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 Total Disbursements	5410887	6353359	7098451	7880522	9110725	9800798
1.1 Developmental	3074492	3823423	4189146	4701611	5514584	5862996
1.1.1 Revenue	2446605	3150221	3255207	3574503	3965270	4195108
1.1.2 Capital	588233	550358	861777	1042159	1453849	1526993
1.1.3 Loans	39654	122844	72163	84949	95464	140895
1.2 Non-Developmental	2253027	2442941	2810388	3069896	3467270	3800321
1.2.1 Revenue	2109629	2271637	2602750	2895864	3266628	3537378
1.2.1.1 Interest Payments	955801	1060602	1226672	1377807	1562660	1711972
1.2.2 Capital	141457	169155	175519	171131	196073	259346
1.2.3 Loans	1941	2148	32119	2902	4569	3597
1.3 Others	83368	86995	98916	109015	128871	137481
2 Total Receipts	5734166	6397162	7156342	7855370	9054999	9650488
2.1 Revenue Receipts	3851563	3688030	4823821	5447913	6379349	7209647
2.1.1 Tax Receipts	3231582	3193390	4160414	4809044	5456913	6142276
2.1.1.1 Taxes on commodities and services	2012578	2076013	2626553	2865550	3248450	3631569
2.1.1.2 Taxes on Income and Property	1216203	1114805	1530636	1939550	2204462	2506181
2.1.1.3 Taxes of Union Territories (Without Legislature)	2800	2572	3225	3943	4001	4526
2.1.2 Non-Tax Receipts	619981	494640	663407	638870	922436	1067371
2.1.2.1 Interest Receipts	31137	33448	35250	42975	49552	57273
2.2 Non-debt Capital Receipts	110094	64994	44077	62716	86733	118239
2.2.1 Recovery of Loans & Advances	59515	16951	27665	15970	55895	45125
2.2.2 Disinvestment proceeds	50578	48044	16412	46746	30839	73114
3 Gross Fiscal Deficit [1 - (2.1 + 2.2)]	1449230	2600335	2230553	2369892	2644642	2472912
3A Sources of Financing: Institution-wise						
3A.1 Domestic Financing	1440548	2530155	2194406	2332768	2619811	2456959
3A.1.1 Net Bank Credit to Government	571872	890012	627255	687904	346483	...
3A.1.1.1 Net RBI Credit to Government	190241	107493	350911	529	-257913	...
3A.1.2 Non-Bank Credit to Government	868676	1640143	1567151	1644864	2273328	...
3A.2 External Financing	8682	70180	36147	37124	24832	15952
3B Sources of Financing: Instrument-wise						
3B.1 Domestic Financing	1440548	2530155	2194406	2332768	2619811	2456959
3B.1.1 Market Borrowings (net)	971378	1696012	1213169	1651076	1962969	1983757
3B.1.2 Small Savings (net)	209232	458801	526693	358764	434151	447511
3B.1.3 State Provident Funds (net)	38280	41273	28100	13880	21386	19857
3B.1.4 Reserve Funds	10411	4545	42153	68803	52385	-33653
3B.1.5 Deposits and Advances	-14227	25682	42203	51989	35819	-10138
3B.1.6 Cash Balances	-323279	-43802	-57891	25152	55726	150310
3B.1.7 Others	548753	347643	399980	163104	57374	-100684
3B.2 External Financing	8682	70180	36147	37124	24832	15952
4 Total Disbursements as per cent of GDP	26.9	32.0	30.1	29.2	30.8	30.0
5 Total Receipts as per cent of GDP	28.5	32.2	30.3	29.1	30.7	29.6
6 Revenue Receipts as per cent of GDP	19.2	18.6	20.4	20.2	21.6	22.1
7 Tax Receipts as per cent of GDP	16.1	16.1	17.6	17.8	18.5	18.8
8 Gross Fiscal Deficit as per cent of GDP	7.2	13.1	9.5	8.8	9.0	7.6

... : Not available; RE: Revised Estimates; BE: Budget Estimates

Source : Budget Documents of Central and State Governments.

Note: GDP data is based on 2011-12 base. GDP for 2024-25 is from Union Budget 2024-25.

Data pertains to all States and Union Territories.

1 & 2: Data are net of repayments of the Central Government (including repayments to the NSSF) and State Governments.

1.3: Represents compensation and assignments by States to local bodies and Panchayati Raj institutions.

2: Data are net of variation in cash balances of the Central and State Governments and includes borrowing receipts of the Central and State Governments.

3A.1.1: Data as per RBI records.

3B.1.1: Borrowings through dated securities.

3B.1.2: Represent net investment in Central and State Governments' special securities by the National Small Savings Fund (NSSF).

This data may vary from previous publications due to adjustments across components with availability of new data.

3B.1.6: Include Ways and Means Advances by the Centre to the State Governments.

3B.1.7: Include Treasury Bills, loans from financial institutions, insurance and pension funds, remittances, cash balance investment account.

No. 47: Financial Accommodation Availed by State Governments under various Facilities

(₹ Crore)

Sr. No	State/Union Territory	During March-2025					
		Special Drawing Facility (SDF)		Ways and Means Advances (WMA)		Overdraft (OD)	
		Average amount availed	Number of days availed	Average amount availed	Number of days availed	Average amount availed	Number of days availed
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	Andhra Pradesh	6445.04	31	2202.86	26	2540.71	15
2	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Assam	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Bihar	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Chhattisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Goa	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Gujarat	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Haryana	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	455.10	30	513.03	9
10	Jammu & Kashmir UT	18.56	17	795.05	17	170.53	1
11	Jharkhand	485.28	7	-	-	-	-
12	Karnataka	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Kerala	1505.21	25	1712.37	20	647.12	10
14	Madhya Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Maharashtra	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Manipur	86.26	12	84.31	6	-	-
17	Meghalaya	397.22	18	243.02	4	639.35	3
18	Mizoram	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Nagaland	202.99	10	-	-	-	-
20	Odisha	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Puducherry	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Punjab	4634.89	31	1404.58	29	665.64	18
23	Rajasthan	2552.84	10	-	-	-	-
24	Tamil Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Telangana	4962.24	31	1727.91	28	2092.92	12
26	Tripura	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	Uttar Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Uttarakhand	480.20	15	-	-	-	-
29	West Bengal	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes: 1. SDF is availed by State Governments against the collateral of Consolidated Sinking Fund (CSF), Guarantee Redemption Fund (GRF) & Auction Treasury Bills (ATBs) balances and other investments in government.

2. WMA is advance by Reserve Bank of India to State Governments for meeting temporary cash mismatches.

3. OD is advanced to State Governments beyond their WMA limits.

4. Average amount availed is the total accommodation (SDF/WMA/OD) availed divided by number of days for which accommodation was extended during the month.

5. - Nil.

Source: Reserve Bank of India.

No. 48: Investments by State Governments

(₹ Crore)

Sr. No	State/Union Territory	As on end of March 2025			
		Consolidated Sinking Fund (CSF)	Guarantee Redemption Fund (GRF)	Government Securities	Auction Treasury Bills (ATBs)
	1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	11730	1155	0	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2786	7	0	1300
3	Assam	7487	92	0	0
4	Bihar	12660	-	0	24000
5	Chhattisgarh	8345	497	0	4495
6	Goa	1095	463	0	0
7	Gujarat	15494	675	0	0
8	Haryana	2651	1731	0	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	0	0
10	Jammu & Kashmir UT	37	36	0	0
11	Jharkhand	2440	-	0	780
12	Karnataka	20556	760	0	22042
13	Kerala	3273	-	0	0
14	Madhya Pradesh	-	1292	0	1500
15	Maharashtra	72804	2182	0	0
16	Manipur	70	142	0	0
17	Meghalaya	1291	110	0	0
18	Mizoram	510	81	0	0
19	Nagaland	1915	47	0	0
20	Odisha	18543	2073	0	12251
21	Puducherry	588	-	0	1350
22	Punjab	9257	0	0	0
23	Rajasthan	1818	-	0	7750
24	Tamil Nadu	3479	-	0	4313
25	Telangana	8019	1757	0	0
26	Tripura	1337	30	0	0
27	Uttarakhand	5372	262	0	0
28	Uttar Pradesh	12799	1578	0	5000
29	West Bengal	13993	1049	0	4000
	Total	240348	16019	0	88781

Notes: 1. CSF and GRF are reserve funds maintained by some State Governments with the Reserve Bank of India.

2. ATBs include investment by State Governments in Treasury bills of 91 days, 182 days and 364 days in the primary market.

3. - : Not Applicable (not a member of the scheme).

No. 49: Market Borrowings of State Governments

(₹ Crore)

Sr. No.	State	2022-23		2023-24		2024-25						Total amount raised, so far in 2024-25	
		Gross Amount Raised	Net Amount Raised	Gross Amount Raised	Net Amount Raised	January		February		March		Gross	Net
						Gross Amount Raised	Net Amount Raised	Gross Amount Raised	Net Amount Raised	Gross Amount Raised	Net Amount Raised		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Andhra Pradesh	57478	45814	68400	55330	5000	4000	6820	5820	8148	7148	78205	57123
2	Arunachal Pradesh	559	389	902	672	-	-	-	-	215	135	1010	704
3	Assam	17100	16105	18500	16000	1000	1000	3650	2650	3300	1800	19000	13850
4	Bihar	36800	27467	47612	29910	8000	5000	7546	6946	-	-478	47546	30890
5	Chhattisgarh	2000	-2287	32000	26213	-	-700	4000	2000	14000	12613	24500	16913
6	Goa	1350	500	2550	1560	-	-	-	-	-	-	1050	250
7	Gujarat	43000	28300	30500	11947	7000	2700	9700	5580	8000	5000	38200	16280
8	Haryana	45158	28638	47500	28364	6000	3400	4500	2750	12000	5690	49500	31710
9	Himachal Pradesh	14000	11941	8072	5856	-	-300	-	-384	659	659	7359	4725
10	Jammu & Kashmir UT	8473	5969	16337	13904	920	720	200	200	300	86	13170	11416
11	Jharkhand	4000	-155	1000	-2505	-	-2700	-	-	3500	1445	3500	-2005
12	Karnataka	36000	26000	81000	63003	16025	13025	13000	10000	20000	19000	92025	71525
13	Kerala	30839	15620	42438	26638	4000	2500	4920	3920	12744	11744	53666	37966
14	Madhya Pradesh	40158	26849	38500	26264	5000	4000	6000	5000	22400	15306	63400	47206
15	Maharashtra	72000	42815	110000	79738	18000	15600	14000	9617	24000	24000	123000	90917
16	Manipur	1422	1147	1426	1076	-	-100	250	147	250	250	1500	1037
17	Meghalaya	1753	1356	1364	912	-	-100	-	-125	-	-73	1882	997
18	Mizoram	1315	1129	901	641	119	119	119	119	120	120	1169	939
19	Nagaland	1854	1199	2551	2016	-	-	-	-100	1000	850	1550	950
20	Odisha	0	-7500	0	-4658	1000	500	7000	7000	11780	10780	20780	17780
21	Puducherry	1200	698	1100	475	-	-300	400	400	300	280	1600	880
22	Punjab	45500	33660	42386	29517	3900	2500	2000	1250	1998	540	40828	32466
23	Rajasthan	46057	30110	73624	49718	5000	3000	6000	4326	11620	5670	75185	49479
24	Sikkim	1414	1320	1916	1701	-	-	488	388	463	363	1951	1621
25	Tamil Nadu	87000	65722	113001	75970	10000	7000	13000	9500	22600	20219	123625	89894
26	Telangana	40150	30922	49618	39385	6209	4609	3000	2000	6500	3608	56209	42199
27	Tripura	0	-645	0	-550	-	-	-	-	-	-150	-	-150
28	Uttar Pradesh	55612	41797	97650	85335	5000	3000	9000	5000	10000	7472	45000	23185
29	Uttarakhand	3200	1450	6300	3800	1000	350	2000	2000	4000	3250	10400	8000
30	West Bengal	63000	42500	69910	48910	8500	5500	5000	2500	25000	23700	76500	54600
	Grand Total	758392	518829	1007058	717140	111673	74323	122593	88504	224897	181026	1073310	753345

- : Nil.

Note: The State of J&K has ceased to exist constitutionally from October 31, 2019 and the liabilities of the State continue to remain as liabilities of the new UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Source: Reserve Bank of India.

No. 50 (a): Flow of Financial Assets and Liabilities of Households - Instrument-wise

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

Item	2021-22				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
Net Financial Assets (I-II)	3,42,813	3,30,490	4,85,203	5,54,816	17,13,322
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>7.3</i>
I. Financial Assets	3,63,395	5,25,419	8,16,484	9,07,366	26,12,664
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>9.3</i>	<i>13.0</i>	<i>13.9</i>	<i>11.1</i>
<i>of which:</i>					
1.Total Deposits (a)+(b)	(81,064)	2,04,486	4,28,035	2,83,634	8,35,091
(a) Bank Deposits	(1,06,429)	1,97,105	4,22,393	2,70,025	7,83,094
i. Commercial Banks	(1,07,941)	1,95,442	4,18,267	2,62,326	7,68,094
ii. Co-operative Banks	1,512	1,663	4,126	7,699	15,000
(b) Non-Bank Deposits	25,365	7,380	5,642	13,610	51,997
<i>of which:</i>					
Other Financial Institutions (i+ii)	17,555	(435)	(2,178)	5,770	20,712
i. Non-Banking Financial Companies	5,578	(1,371)	73	4,021	8,302
ii. Housing Finance Companies	11,977	936	(2,252)	1,748	12,410
2. Life Insurance Funds	1,15,539	1,28,277	1,04,076	1,38,998	4,86,889
3. Provident and Pension Funds (including PPF)	1,24,971	1,12,810	95,493	2,18,719	5,51,993
4. Currency	1,28,660	(68,631)	62,793	1,46,845	2,69,667
5. Investments	24,884	82,260	69,715	50,926	2,27,785
<i>of which:</i>					
(a) Mutual Funds	14,573	63,151	37,912	44,964	1,60,600
(b) Equity	4,502	13,218	27,808	3,084	48,613
6. Small Savings (excluding PPF)	50,405	66,218	56,372	68,243	2,41,238
II. Financial Liabilities	20,583	1,94,929	3,31,281	3,52,550	8,99,343
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>3.8</i>
Loans (Borrowings) from					
1. Financial Corporations (a+b)	20,479	1,94,825	3,31,178	3,52,446	8,98,928
(a) Banking Sector	21,428	1,38,720	2,67,955	2,74,181	7,02,284
<i>of which:</i>					
i. Commercial Banks	26,979	1,40,269	2,65,271	3,37,010	7,69,529
(b) Other Financial Institutions	(949)	56,105	63,223	78,266	1,96,644
i. Non-Banking Financial Companies	(8,708)	30,151	32,177	40,003	93,623
ii. Housing Finance Companies	7,132	24,404	29,495	37,436	98,467
iii. Insurance Corporations	627	1,550	1,551	827	4,554
2. Non-Financial Corporations (Private Corporate Business)	34	34	34	34	135
3. General Government	70	70	70	70	279

No. 50 (a): Flow of Financial Assets and Liabilities of Households - Instrument-wise (Contd.)

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

Item	2022-23				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
Net Financial Assets (I-II)	2,89,980	2,99,395	2,96,132	4,54,240	13,39,748
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>5.0</i>
I. Financial Assets	5,79,958	6,34,471	7,50,245	9,71,526	29,36,200
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>9.8</i>	<i>10.9</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>10.9</i>
<i>of which:</i>					
1. Total Deposits (a)+(b)	1,85,429	3,17,361	2,80,233	3,25,853	11,08,876
(a) Bank Deposits	1,63,172	2,99,533	2,56,400	3,07,867	10,26,971
i. Commercial Banks	1,58,613	3,00,565	2,48,460	2,84,968	9,92,606
ii. Co-operative Banks	4,559	(1,032)	7,940	22,899	34,365
(b) Non-Bank Deposits	22,257	17,829	23,833	17,986	81,905
<i>of which:</i>					
Other Financial Institutions (i+ii)	6,505	2,077	8,082	2,234	18,897
i. Non-Banking Financial Companies	4,231	3,267	3,247	3,946	14,690
ii. Housing Finance Companies	2,274	(1,191)	4,835	(1,712)	4,207
2. Life Insurance Funds	73,298	1,51,677	1,67,522	1,56,613	5,49,109
3. Provident and Pension Funds (including PPF)	1,48,915	1,20,367	1,38,584	2,18,709	6,26,575
4. Currency	66,439	(54,579)	76,760	1,48,990	2,37,610
5. Investments	51,503	48,530	49,779	64,151	2,13,962
<i>of which:</i>					
(a) Mutual Funds	35,443	44,484	40,206	58,955	1,79,088
(b) Equity	13,561	1,378	6,434	1,665	23,038
6. Small Savings (excluding PPF)	54,375	51,115	37,368	57,211	2,00,068
II. Financial Liabilities	2,89,978	3,35,076	4,54,113	5,17,285	15,96,452
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>5.9</i>
Loans (Borrowings) from					
1. Financial Corporations (a+b)	2,89,781	3,34,880	4,53,917	5,17,089	15,95,667
(a) Banking Sector	2,34,235	2,63,450	3,70,783	3,83,845	12,52,313
<i>of which:</i>					
i. Commercial Banks	2,30,284	2,61,265	3,68,305	3,31,293	11,91,146
(b) Other Financial Institutions	55,546	71,429	83,134	1,33,244	3,43,354
i. Non-Banking Financial Companies	30,532	36,650	55,792	94,565	2,17,539
ii. Housing Finance Companies	22,337	33,031	24,903	36,746	1,17,017
iii. Insurance Corporations	2,678	1,748	2,439	1,933	8,798
2. Non-Financial Corporations (Private Corporate Business)	34	34	34	34	135
3. General Government	163	163	163	163	650

No. 50 (a): Flow of Financial Assets and Liabilities of Households - Instrument-wise (Concl.)

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

Item	2023-24				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
Net Financial Assets (I-II)	3,53,093	2,89,675	2,98,111	6,11,366	15,52,245
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>5.3</i>
I. Financial Assets	6,74,763	8,15,842	8,08,779	11,32,130	34,31,514
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>10.7</i>	<i>14.5</i>	<i>11.6</i>
<i>of which:</i>					
1. Total Deposits (a)+(b)	2,68,925	4,12,388	2,99,372	4,10,559	13,91,244
(a) Bank Deposits	2,55,249	5,06,208	2,79,872	3,94,573	14,35,902
i. Commercial Banks	2,46,079	5,06,700	2,82,537	3,87,313	14,22,629
ii. Co-operative Banks	9,170	(492)	(2,665)	7,260	13,273
(b) Non-Bank Deposits	13,676	(93,820)	19,499	15,986	(44,658)
<i>of which:</i>					
Other Financial Institutions (i+ii)	(485)	(1,07,982)	5,338	1,825	(1,01,305)
i. Non-Banking Financial Companies	6,119	4,782	4,896	1,943	17,740
ii. Housing Finance Companies	(6,605)	(1,12,764)	442	(118)	(1,19,045)
2. Life Insurance Funds	1,58,358	1,41,413	1,61,192	1,30,036	5,90,999
3. Provident and Pension Funds (including PPF)	1,63,508	1,48,178	1,53,255	2,53,719	7,18,661
4. Currency	(48,636)	(36,701)	56,719	1,46,644	1,18,026
5. Investments	41,409	73,060	79,633	1,08,732	3,02,834
<i>of which:</i>					
(a) Mutual Funds	32,086	55,769	60,135	90,973	2,38,962
(b) Equity	3,757	7,146	9,941	8,236	29,080
6. Small Savings (excluding PPF)	91,198	77,504	58,607	82,441	3,09,751
II. Financial Liabilities	3,21,670	5,26,167	5,10,667	5,20,764	18,79,269
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>7.4</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>6.4</i>
Loans (Borrowings) from					
1. Financial Corporations (a+b)	3,21,520	5,26,016	5,10,516	5,20,613	18,78,666
(a) Banking Sector	2,13,606	8,68,874	4,02,647	3,92,330	18,77,458
<i>of which:</i>					
i. Commercial Banks	2,08,027	8,75,654	3,89,898	3,82,558	18,56,136
(b) Other Financial Institutions	1,07,914	(3,42,858)	1,07,869	1,28,283	1,208
i. Non-Banking Financial Companies	81,449	59,684	85,032	1,00,836	3,27,001
ii. Housing Finance Companies	23,784	(4,04,294)	21,233	25,853	(3,33,424)
iii. Insurance Corporations	2,681	1,753	1,604	1,594	7,631
2. Non-Financial Corporations (Private Corporate Business)	34	35	35	35	138
3. General Government	116	116	116	116	465

Notes: 1. Net Financial Savings of households refer to the net financial assets, which are measured as difference of financial asset and liabilities flows.

2. Preliminary estimates for 2023-24 and revised estimates for 2021-22 and 2022-23.

3. The preliminary estimates for 2023-24 will undergo revision with the release of first revised estimates of national income, consumption expenditure, savings, and capital formation, 2023-24 by the National Statistical Office (NSO).

4. Non-bank deposits apart from other financial institutions, comprises state power utilities, co-operative non credit societies etc.

5. Figures in the columns may not add up to the total due to rounding off.

No. 50 (b): Stocks of Financial Assets and Liabilities of Households- Select Indicators

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

Item	Jun-2021	Sep-2021	Dec-2021	Mar-2022
Financial Assets (a+b+c+d+e+f+g+h)	2,33,27,377	2,39,99,280	2,47,08,474	2,54,40,650
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>	110.4	108.9	108.2	107.8
(a) Bank Deposits (i+ii)	1,07,90,832	1,09,87,937	1,14,10,330	1,16,80,355
i. Commercial Banks	99,53,044	1,01,48,486	1,05,66,753	1,08,29,079
ii. Co-operative Banks	8,37,788	8,39,451	8,43,577	8,51,276
(b) Non-Bank Deposits				
<i>of which:</i>				
Other Financial Institutions	2,06,509	2,06,074	2,03,896	2,09,665
i. Non-Banking Financial Companies	67,840	66,469	66,542	70,564
ii. Housing Finance Companies	1,38,669	1,39,605	1,37,353	1,39,102
(c) Life Insurance Funds	49,29,725	51,42,279	52,13,527	53,57,350
(d) Currency	27,42,897	26,74,266	27,37,059	28,83,904
(e) Mutual funds	18,55,000	20,64,364	21,26,112	21,52,141
(f) Public Provident Fund (PPF)	7,57,398	7,62,264	7,67,287	8,34,148
(g) Pension Funds	6,16,517	6,67,379	6,99,173	7,36,592
(h) Small Savings (excluding PPF)	14,28,499	14,94,717	15,51,089	15,86,496
Financial Liabilities (a+b)	77,43,630	79,38,456	82,69,633	86,22,079
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>	36.6	36.0	36.2	36.5
Loans/Borrowings				
(a) Banking Sector	61,80,377	63,19,097	65,87,052	68,61,233
<i>of which:</i>				
i. Commercial Banks	56,47,239	57,87,508	60,52,779	63,89,789
ii. Co-operative Banks	5,31,728	5,30,164	5,32,833	4,69,989
(b) Other Financial Institutions	15,63,253	16,19,358	16,82,581	17,60,847
<i>of which:</i>				
i. Non-Banking Financial Companies	7,36,312	7,66,463	7,98,641	8,38,643
ii. Housing Finance Companies	7,21,510	7,45,914	7,75,408	8,12,845
iii. Insurance Corporations	1,05,431	1,06,981	1,08,532	1,09,359

No. 50 (b): Stocks of Financial Assets and Liabilities of Households- Select Indicators (Contd.)

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

Item	Jun-2022	Sep-2022	Dec-2022	Mar-2023
Financial Assets (a+b+c+d+e+f+g+h)	2,56,21,348	2,64,23,992	2,71,87,716	2,78,44,981
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>	102.8	102.6	103.2	103.3
(a) Bank Deposits (i+ii)	1,18,43,527	1,21,43,060	1,23,99,459	1,27,07,326
i. Commercial Banks	1,09,87,692	1,12,88,257	1,15,36,717	1,18,21,685
ii. Co-operative Banks	8,55,835	8,54,803	8,62,742	8,85,641
(b) Non-Bank Deposits				
<i>of which:</i>				
Other Financial Institutions	2,16,170	2,18,247	2,26,328	2,28,562
i. Non-Banking Financial Companies	74,794	78,061	81,308	85,254
ii. Housing Finance Companies	1,41,376	1,40,185	1,45,020	1,43,308
(c) Life Insurance Funds	53,25,967	55,59,682	57,86,593	57,95,431
(d) Currency	29,50,343	28,95,764	29,72,524	31,21,514
(e) Mutual funds	20,48,097	22,60,210	23,55,316	23,67,793
(f) Public Provident Fund (PPF)	8,51,913	8,58,591	8,64,731	9,39,449
(g) Pension Funds	7,44,459	7,96,454	8,53,412	8,98,343
(h) Small Savings (excluding PPF)	16,40,871	16,91,985	17,29,353	17,86,563
Financial Liabilities (a+b)	89,11,861	92,46,741	97,00,657	1,02,17,746
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>	35.8	35.9	36.8	37.9
Loans/Borrowings				
(a) Banking Sector	70,95,468	73,58,918	77,29,701	81,13,546
<i>of which:</i>				
i. Commercial Banks	66,20,073	68,81,338	72,49,643	75,80,936
ii. Co-operative Banks	4,73,897	4,76,025	4,78,487	5,30,915
(b) Other Financial Institutions	18,16,393	18,87,823	19,70,956	21,04,201
<i>of which:</i>				
i. Non-Banking Financial Companies	8,69,175	9,05,825	9,61,617	10,56,182
ii. Housing Finance Companies	8,35,181	8,68,213	8,93,116	9,29,862
iii. Insurance Corporations	1,12,037	1,13,785	1,16,223	1,18,157

No. 50 (b): Stocks of Financial Assets and Liabilities of Households- Select Indicators (Concl.)

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

Item	Jun-2023	Sep-2023	Dec-2023	Mar-2024
Financial Assets (a+b+c+d+e+f+g+h)	2,87,56,851	2,96,44,299	3,07,47,010	3,19,86,847
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>	104.6	105.4	106.6	108.3
(a) Bank Deposits (i+ii)	1,29,62,575	1,34,68,783	1,37,48,656	1,41,43,228
i. Commercial Banks	1,20,67,764	1,25,74,464	1,28,57,001	1,32,44,314
ii. Co-operative Banks	8,94,811	8,94,319	8,91,655	8,98,914
(b) Non-Bank Deposits				
<i>of which:</i>				
Other Financial Institutions	2,28,077	1,20,095	1,25,432	1,27,257
i. Non-Banking Financial Companies	91,373	96,156	1,01,051	1,02,994
ii. Housing Finance Companies	1,36,703	23,939	24,381	24,263
(c) Life Insurance Funds	60,64,437	62,55,801	65,53,726	67,69,272
(d) Currency	30,72,878	30,36,177	30,92,896	32,39,540
(e) Mutual funds	26,26,046	28,29,859	31,56,299	33,87,208
(f) Public Provident Fund (PPF)	9,55,061	9,60,344	9,64,852	10,51,376
(g) Pension Funds	9,70,016	10,17,975	10,91,276	11,72,651
(h) Small Savings (excluding PPF)	18,77,761	19,55,265	20,13,873	20,96,314
Financial Liabilities (a+b)	1,05,39,266	1,10,65,282	1,15,75,799	1,20,96,412
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>	38.3	39.3	40.2	41.0
Loans/Borrowings				
(a) Banking Sector	83,27,152	91,96,026	95,98,673	99,91,003
<i>of which:</i>				
i. Commercial Banks	77,88,962	86,64,616	90,54,514	94,37,072
ii. Co-operative Banks	5,36,409	5,29,528	5,42,241	5,51,852
(b) Other Financial Institutions	22,12,114	18,69,256	19,77,126	21,05,409
<i>of which:</i>				
i. Non-Banking Financial Companies	11,37,631	11,97,315	12,82,347	13,83,183
ii. Housing Finance Companies	9,53,646	5,49,352	5,70,585	5,96,438
iii. Insurance Corporations	1,20,837	1,22,590	1,24,194	1,25,788

Note : 1. Data as ratios to GDP have been calculated based on the Provisional Estimates of National Income 2023-24, released by NSO on May 31, 2024.

2. Pension funds comprises funds with the National Pension Scheme.

3. Outstanding deposits with Small Savings are sourced from the Controller General of Accounts, Government of India.

4. Non-bank deposits apart from other financial institutions, comprises state power utilities, co-operative non credit societies etc. Data for outstanding deposits are available only for other financial institutions.

5. Figures in the columns may not add up to the total due to rounding off.

Explanatory Notes to the Current Statistics

Table No. 1

- 1.2& 6: Annual data are average of months.
 3.5 & 3.7: Relate to ratios of increments over financial year so far.
 4.1 to 4.4, 4.8,4.9 &5: Relate to the last friday of the month/financial year.
 4.5, 4.6 & 4.7: Relate to five major banks on the last Friday of the month/financial year.
 4.10 to 4.12: Relate to the last auction day of the month/financial year.
 4.13: Relate to last day of the month/ financial year
 7.1&7.2: Relate to Foreign trade in US Dollar.

Table No. 2

- 2.1.2: Include paid-up capital, reserve fund and Long-Term Operations Funds.
 2.2.2: Include cash, fixed deposits and short-term securities/bonds, e.g., issued by IIFC (UK).

Table No. 4

Maturity-wise position of outstanding forward contracts is available at <http://nsdp.rbi.org.in> under "Reserves Template".

Table No. 5

Special refinance facility to Others, *i.e.* to the EXIM Bank, is closed since March 31, 2013.

Table No. 6

- For scheduled banks, March-end data pertain to the last reporting Friday.
 2.2: Exclude balances held in IMF Account No.1, RBI employees' provident fund, pension fund, gratuity and superannuation fund.

Table Nos. 7 & 11

3.1 in Table 7 and 2.4 in Table 11: Include foreign currency denominated bonds issued by IIFC (UK).

Table No. 8

- NM₂ and NM₃ do not include FCNR (B) deposits.
 2.4: Consist of paid-up capital and reserves.
 2.5: includes other demand and time liabilities of the banking system.

Table No. 9

Financial institutions comprise EXIM Bank, SIDBI, NABARD and NHB.
 L₁ and L₂ are compiled monthly and L₃ quarterly.
 Wherever data are not available, the last available data have been repeated.

Table No. 13

Data against column Nos. (1), (2) & (3) are Final and for column Nos. (4) & (5) data are Provisional.

Table No. 14

Data in column Nos. (4) & (8) are Provisional.

Table No. 17

2.1.1: Exclude reserve fund maintained by co-operative societies with State Co-operative Banks

2.1.2: Exclude borrowings from RBI, SBI, IDBI, NABARD, notified banks and State Governments.

4: Include borrowings from IDBI and NABARD.

Table No. 24

Primary Dealers (PDs) include banks undertaking PD business.

Table No. 30

Exclude private placement and offer for sale.

1: Exclude bonus shares.

2: Include cumulative convertible preference shares and equi-preference shares.

Table No. 32

Exclude investment in foreign currency denominated bonds issued by IIFC (UK), SDRs transferred by Government of India to RBI and foreign currency received under SAARC and ACU currency swap arrangements. Foreign currency assets in US dollar take into account appreciation/depreciation of non-US currencies (such as Euro, Sterling, Yen and Australian Dollar) held in reserves. Foreign exchange holdings are converted into rupees at rupee-US dollar RBI holding rates.

Table No. 34

1.1.1.1.2 & 1.1.1.1.4: Estimates.

1.1.1.2: Estimates for latest months.

'Other capital' pertains to debt transactions between parent and subsidiaries/branches of FDI enterprises.

Data may not tally with the BoP data due to lag in reporting.

Table No. 35

1.10: Include items such as subscription to journals, maintenance of investment abroad, student loan repayments and credit card payments.

Table No. 36

Increase in indices indicates appreciation of rupee and *vice versa*. For 6-Currency index, base year 2022-23 is a moving one, which gets updated every year. REER figures are based on Consumer Price Index (combined). The details on methodology used for compilation of NEER/REER indices are available in December 2005, April 2014 and January 2021 issues of the RBI Bulletin.

Table No. 37

Based on applications for ECB/Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds (FCCBs) which have been allotted loan registration number during the period.

Table Nos. 38, 39, 40 & 41

Explanatory notes on these tables are available in December issue of RBI Bulletin, 2012.

Table No. 43

Part I-A. Settlement systems

1.1.3: Tri- party Repo under the securities segment has been operationalised from November 05, 2018.

Part I-B. Payments systems

4.1.2: 'Others' includes e-commerce transactions and digital bill payments through ATMs, etc.

4.2.2: 'Others' includes e-commerce transactions, card to card transfers and digital bill payments through ATMs, etc.

5: Available from December 2010.

5.1: includes purchase of goods and services and fund transfer through wallets.

5.2.2: includes usage of PPI Cards for online transactions and other transactions.

6.1: Pertain to three grids – Mumbai, New Delhi and Chennai.

6.2: 'Others' comprises of Non-MICR transactions which pertains to clearing houses managed by 21 banks.

Part II-A. Other payment channels

1: Mobile Payments –

- Include transactions done through mobile apps of banks and UPI apps.
- The data from July 2017 includes only individual payments and corporate payments initiated, processed, and authorised using mobile device. Other corporate payments which are not initiated, processed, and authorised using mobile device are excluded.

2: Internet Payments – includes only e-commerce transactions through 'netbanking' and any financial transaction using internet banking website of the bank.

Part II-B. ATMs

3.3 and 4.2: only relates to transactions using bank issued PPIs.

Part III. Payment systems infrastructure

3: Includes ATMs deployed by Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) and White Label ATM Operators (WLAOs). WLAs are included from April 2014 onwards.

Table No. 45

(-) represents nil or negligible

The table format is revised since monthly Bulletin for the month of June 2023.

Central Government Dated Securities include special securities and Sovereign Gold Bonds.

State Government Securities include special bonds issued under Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY).

Bank PDs are clubbed under Commercial Banks.

The category 'Others' comprises State Governments, DICGC, PSUs, Trusts, Foreign Central Banks, HUF/ Individuals etc.

Data since September 2023 includes the impact of the merger of a non-bank with a bank.

Table No. 46

GDP data is based on 2011-12 base. GDP for 2023-24 is from Union Budget 2023-24.

Data pertains to all States and Union Territories.

1 & 2: Data are net of repayments of the Central Government (including repayments to the NSSF) and State Governments.

1.3: Represents compensation and assignments by States to local bodies and Panchayati Raj institutions.

2: Data are net of variation in cash balances of the Central and State Governments and includes borrowing receipts of the Central and State Governments.

3A.1.1: Data as per RBI records.

3B.1.1: Borrowings through dated securities.

3B.1.2: Represent net investment in Central and State Governments' special securities by the National Small Savings Fund (NSSF).

This data may vary from previous publications due to adjustments across components with availability of new data.

3B.1.6: Include Ways and Means Advances by the Centre to the State Governments.

3B.1.7: Include Treasury Bills, loans from financial institutions, insurance and pension funds, remittances, cash balance investment account.

Table No. 47

SDF is availed by State Governments against the collateral of Consolidated Sinking Fund (CSF), Guarantee Redemption Fund (GRF) & Auction Treasury Bills (ATBs) balances and other investments in government securities.

WMA is advance by Reserve Bank of India to State Governments for meeting temporary cash mismatches.

OD is advanced to State Governments beyond their WMA limits.

Average amount Availed is the total accommodation (SDF/WMA/OD) availed divided by number of days for which accommodation was extended during the month.

- : Nil.

Table No. 48

CSF and GRF are reserve funds maintained by some State Governments with the Reserve Bank of India.

ATBs include Treasury bills of 91 days, 182 days and 364 days invested by State Governments in the primary market.

--: Not Applicable (not a member of the scheme).

The concepts and methodologies for Current Statistics are available in Comprehensive Guide for Current Statistics of the RBI Monthly Bulletin (<https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/PublicationsView.aspx?id=17618>)

Time series data of 'Current Statistics' is available at <https://data.rbi.org.in>.

Detailed explanatory notes are available in the relevant press releases issued by RBI and other publications/releases of the Bank such as **Handbook of Statistics on the Indian Economy**.

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