

2. Foreign Exchange Reserves

<i>Item</i>	As on August 31, 2012		Variation over							
			Week		End-March 2012		End-December 2011		Year	
	₹ Bn.	US\$ Mn.	₹ Bn.	US\$ Mn.	₹ Bn.	US\$ Mn.	₹ Bn.	US\$ Mn.	₹ Bn.	US\$ Mn.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total Reserves	16,184.6	290,461.6	103.4	282.3	1,123.3	-3,935.9	379.9	-6,227.1	1,457.3	-30,322.7
(a) Foreign Currency Assets +	14,354.6	257,620.1	73.6	-252.4 *	1,049.5	-2,448.6	348.1	-5,313.2	1,278.9	-27,254.7
(b) Gold \$	1,462.1	26,239.4	27.0	524.7	79.6	-783.7	44.0	-380.9	158.9	-2,079.3
(c) SDRs @	244.8	4,392.7	1.9	6.7	16.2	-76.6	8.9	-36.3	32.9	-223.2
(d) Reserve Position in the IMF**	123.1	2,209.4	0.9	3.3	-22.0	-627.0	-21.1	-496.7	-13.4	-765.5

+ Excludes ₹ 44.0 billion/US\$ 790 million invested in foreign currency denominated bonds issued by IIFC (UK).

* Foreign currency assets expressed in US dollar terms include the effect of appreciation/depreciation of non-US currencies (such as Euro, Sterling, Yen) held in reserves. For details, please refer to the Current Statistics section of the RBI Bulletin.

** Reserve Position in the International Monetary Fund (IMF), i.e., Reserve Tranche Position (RTP) which was shown as a memo item from May 23, 2003 to March 26, 2004 has been included in the reserves from the week ended April 2, 2004 in keeping with the international best practice.

@ Includes SDR 3,082.5 million (equivalent to US\$ 4,883 million) allocated under general allocation and SDR 214.6 million (equivalent to US\$ 340 million) allocated under special allocation by IMF done on August 28, 2009 and September 9, 2009, respectively.

\$ Includes ₹314.6 billion (US\$ 6,699 million) reflecting the purchase of 200 metric tonnes of gold from IMF on November 3, 2009.