

2. Foreign Exchange Reserves

<i>Item</i>	As on May 18, 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	15,852.4	290,000.5	229.9	-1,801.5	791.1	-4,397.0	47.7	-6,688.2	2,003.0	-18,534.6
(a) Foreign Currency Assets +	14,055.7	256,117.2	224.1	-1,742.4 *	750.6	-3,951.5	49.2	-6,816.1	1,601.0	-21,084.6
(b) Gold \$	1,398.0	26,617.9	—	—	15.5	-405.2	-20.1	-2.4	342.2	2,827.4
(c) SDRs @	241.4	4,399.3	3.5	-35.5	12.8	-70.0	5.5	-29.7	35.4	-186.1
(d) Reserve Position in the IMF**	157.3	2,866.1	2.3	-23.6	12.2	29.7	13.1	160.0	24.4	-91.3

+ Excludes ₹ 36.9 billion/US\$ 673 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.