

2. Foreign Exchange Reserves

Item	As on March 9, 2012		Variation over							
			Week		End-March 2011		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	14,673.5	293,959.0	127.2	-1,029.8	1,063.4	-10,859.1	-1,131.2	-2,729.7	1,028.0	-7,878.5
(a) Foreign Currency Assets +	12,934.1	258,578.7	123.0	-1,017.6 *	685.3	-15,751.1	-1,072.4	-4,354.6	625.2	-13,680.8
(b) Gold \$	1,376.6	28,127.7	—	—	350.9	5,155.3	-41.5	1,507.4	376.2	5,985.0
(c) SDRs @	222.6	4,449.6	2.6	-7.5	18.6	-119.4	-13.3	20.6	-11.1	-719.2
(d) Reserve Position in the IMF**	140.2	2,803.0	1.6	-4.7	8.6	-143.9	-4.0	96.9	37.7	536.5

+ Excludes ₹ 27.5 billion/US\$ 550 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.