

2. Foreign Exchange Reserves

Item	As on Mar. 5, 2010		Variation over							
			Week		End-March 2009		End-December 2009		Year	
	Rs. Crore	US\$ Mn.	Rs. Crore	US\$ Mn.	Rs. Crore	US\$ Mn.	Rs. Crore	US\$ Mn.	Rs. Crore	US\$ Mn.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Total Reserves	12,75,462	278,431	-11,386	74	-8,403	26,446	-47,773	-5,039	2,421	31,139
(a) Foreign Currency Assets +	11,63,140	254,072	-11,062	81 *	-66,926	12,646	-43,925	-4,511	-56,243	17,345
(b) Gold \$	82,845	17,920	—	—	34,052	8,343	-2,542	-372	33,405	8,174
(c) SDRs @	23,106	5,047	-254	-6	23,100	5,046	-1,022	-122	23,100	5,046
(d) Reserve Position in the IMF**	6,371	1,392	-70	-1	1,371	411	-284	-34	2,159	574

+ : Excludes Rs.1145 crore /US\$ 250 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 Rs.31,463 crore (USD 6,699 million) reflecting the purchase of 200 metric tonnes of gold from IMF on November 3, 2009.