

2. Foreign Exchange Reserves

Item	As on Mar. 19, 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	12,66,569	278,193	-6,097	-1,515	-17,296	26,208	-56,666	-5,277	-6,688	24,367
(a) Foreign Currency Assets +	11,54,487	253,845	-5,945	-1,476 *	-75,579	12,419	-52,578	-4,738	-65,109	10,607
(b) Gold \$	82,845	17,920	—	—	34,052	8,343	-2,542	-372	33,405	8,174
(c) SDRs @	22,918	5,039	-119	-30	22,912	5,038	-1,210	-130	22,912	5,038
(d) Reserve Position in the IMF**	6,319	1,389	-33	-9	1,319	408	-336	-37	2,104	548

+ : Excludes Rs.1137 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.