



**India's
Quarterly External Debt Report
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Ending December 2023**

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India's External Debt as at end of December 2023

The stock of external debt as at end-December 2023 along with the revised data for earlier quarters is set out in [Statement I \(IMF format¹\)](#) and [Statement II \(old format\)](#). The major developments relating to India's external debt as at end-December 2023 are presented below:

Highlights

1. At end-December 2023, India's external debt was placed at US\$ 648.2 billion, recording an increase of US\$ 10.9 billion over its level at end-September 2023 (**Table 1**).
2. The external debt to GDP ratio at 18.7 per cent as at end-December 2023, decreased slightly from 18.8 per cent as at end-September 2023 (**Table 1**).
3. Valuation loss due to the depreciation of the US dollar *vis-à-vis* some major currencies, such as, Japanese Yen, Euro, UK Pound and SDR² was placed at US\$ 3.7 billion. Excluding the valuation effect, the increase in external debt would have been US\$ 7.2 billion instead of US\$ 10.9 billion as at end-December 2023 over end-September 2023.
4. At end-December 2023, long-term debt (with an original maturity of above one year) was placed at US\$ 521.9 billion, recording an increase of US\$ 13.9 billion over its level at end-September 2023 (**Table 1**).
5. The share of short-term debt (with original maturity of up to one year) in total external debt decreased to 19.5 per cent as at end-December 2023 from 20.3 per cent at end-September 2023. Similarly, the ratio of short-term debt (original maturity) to foreign exchange reserves decreased to 20.3 per cent at end-December 2023 from 22.0 per cent at end-September 2023 (**Table 5**).
6. Short-term debt on residual maturity basis (*i.e.*, debt obligations that include long-term debt by original maturity falling due over the next twelve months and short-term debt by original maturity) constituted 43.9 per cent of total external debt as at end-December 2023 (43.9 per cent at end-September 2023) and stood at 45.7 per cent of foreign exchange reserves (47.6 per cent at end-September 2023) (**Table 2**).
7. The US dollar denominated debt remained the largest component of India's external debt with a share of 54.2 per cent at end-December 2023, followed by Indian Rupee (30.7 per cent), Japanese Yen (5.9 per cent), SDR (5.6 per cent) and Euro (2.9 per cent).
8. The outstanding external debt of general Government as well as non-Government sector increased by 6.9 per cent and 0.3 per cent, respectively, as at end-December 2023 over the previous quarter (**Table 3**).

¹ The concepts set out in the IMF's 2013 *External Debt Statistics (EDS) Guide* are harmonized with those of the *System of National Accounts (SNA) 2008* and the sixth edition of the IMF's *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6)* published in 2009.

² SDR: Special Drawing Rights.

9. The share of outstanding debt of non-financial corporations in total external debt was 38.8 per cent, followed by deposit-taking corporations (except the central bank) (27.2 per cent), general Government (21.9 per cent) and other financial corporations (7.2 per cent) (**Table 3**).
10. Loans were the largest component of external debt, with a share of 33.2 per cent, followed by currency and deposits (23.0 per cent), trade credit and advances (18.9 per cent) and debt securities (16.7 per cent) (**Table 4**).
11. Debt service (principal repayments plus interest payments) reduced marginally to 6.5 per cent of current receipts as at end-December 2023 as against 6.7 per cent at end-September 2023 (**Table 5**).

Table 1: External Debt - Outstanding and Variation

(US\$ billion, unless indicated otherwise)

Sector/Instrument	Dec 2022 PR	Sep 2023 PR	Dec 2023 P	Absolute Variation		Percentage variation	
				Dec 2023 over Dec 2022	Dec 2023 over Sep 2023	Dec 2023 over Dec 2022	Dec 2023 over Sep 2023
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
I. General Government	129.0	133.0	142.2	13.2	9.2	10.2	6.9
II. Central Bank	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	55.8	-10.2
III. Deposit-Taking Corporations, except the Central Bank	157.1	172.2	176.4	19.3	4.2	12.3	2.4
IV. Other Sectors	297.0	300.9	298.1	1.2	-2.8	0.4	-0.9
IV.1. Other financial corporations	46.2	46.5	46.6	0.5	0.1	1.0	0.2
IV.2. Non-financial corporations	250.8	254.4	251.5	0.7	-2.9	0.3	-1.1
IV.3. Households and non-profit institutions serving households (NPISHs)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-21.3	-7.6
V. Direct Investment: Intercompany Lending	28.6	30.9	31.2	2.7	0.3	9.3	1.0
Gross External Debt (I to V) <i>(As a percentage of GDP)</i>	611.8 <i>(19.2)</i>	637.3 <i>(18.8)</i>	648.2 <i>(18.7)</i>	36.3	10.9	5.9	1.7
<i>Memo Items:</i>							
A. Long-term Debt [@]	484.0	508.0	521.9	37.9	13.9	7.8	2.7
B. Short-term Debt [#]	127.9	129.3	126.3	-1.6	-3.0	-1.2	-2.3

PR: Partially Revised; P: Provisional.

@: Debt with original maturity of above one year.

#: Debt with original maturity of up to one year.

Note: Figures may not add up to total due to rounding off.

Table 2: Residual Maturity of Outstanding External Debt as at end-December 2023

(US\$ billion, unless indicated otherwise)

Sector	Short-term up to one year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	More than 3 years	Total (2 to 5)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
I. General Government	9.0	10.0	12.2	111.1	142.2
I.A. Short-term	0.4	--	--	--	0.4
I.B. Long-term	8.6	10.0	12.2	111.1	141.9
II. Central Bank	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
II.A. Short-term	0.2	--	--	--	0.2
II.B. Long-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
III. Deposit-Taking Corporations, except the Central Bank	106.1	28.0	9.8	32.5	176.4
III.A. Short-term	2.2	--	--	--	2.2
III.B. Long-term	103.9	28.0	9.8	32.5	174.2
IV. Other Sectors	162.4	23.9	23.1	88.7	298.1
IV.A. Short-term	123.6	--	--	--	123.6
IV.B. Long-term	38.8	23.9	23.1	88.7	174.6
IV.1. Other financial corporations	8.9	4.7	7.9	25.2	46.6
IV.1.A. Short-term	1.5	--	--	--	1.5
IV.1.B. Long-term	7.4	4.7	7.9	25.2	45.2
IV.2. Non-financial corporations	153.5	19.2	15.2	63.6	251.5
IV.2.A. Short-term	122.1	--	--	--	122.1
IV.2.B. Long-term	31.4	19.2	15.2	63.6	129.4
IV.3. Households and non-profit institutions serving households (NPISHs)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IV.3.A. Short-term	0.0	--	--	--	0.0
IV.3.B. Long-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
V. Direct Investment: Intercompany Lending	6.9	3.9	4.5	16.0	31.2
A. Total Short-term Debt	126.3	--	--	--	126.3
B. Total Long-term Debt	158.2	65.7	49.6	248.4	521.9
C. Total External Debt (A+B)	284.5	65.7	49.6	248.4	648.2
<i>Memo Items:</i>					
Short-term Debt (residual maturity) as per cent of Total External Debt					43.9
Short-term Debt (residual maturity) as per cent of Foreign Exchange Reserves					45.7

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Table 3: Government and Non-Government External Debt

(US\$ billion, unless indicated otherwise)

Sector/Instrument	Dec 2022 PR	Sep 2023 PR	Dec 2023 P
<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>(3)</i>	<i>(4)</i>
A. General Government (I+II)	129.0	133.0	142.2
<i>(as a percentage of GDP)</i>	<i>(4.1)</i>	<i>(3.9)</i>	<i>(4.1)</i>
I. External Assistance under Govt. Account	88.5	90.0	94.5
II. Other Govt. External Debt [@]	40.5	43.0	47.7
B. Non-Government Debt	482.8	504.3	506.0
<i>(as a percentage of GDP)</i>	<i>(15.2)</i>	<i>(14.9)</i>	<i>(14.6)</i>
B.1. Central Bank	0.1	0.2	0.2
B.II. Deposit-taking Corporations, except the Central Bank	157.1	172.2	176.4
B.III. Other financial corporations	46.2	46.5	46.6
B.IV. Non-financial corporations	250.8	254.4	251.5
B.V. Households and non-profit institutions serving households (NPISHs)	0.0	0.0	0.0
B.VI. Direct Investment: Intercompany Lending	28.6	30.9	31.2
Gross External Debt (A+B)	611.8	637.3	648.2

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[@]: Other government external debt includes defence debt, investment in Treasury Bills/government securities by FPIs, foreign central banks and international institutions and IMF.

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Table 4: Outstanding External Debt by Instruments

(US\$ billion)

Instruments	Dec 2022 PR	Sep 2023 PR	Dec 2023 P
<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>(3)</i>	<i>(4)</i>
SDR	22.0	21.8	22.2
Currency and deposits	136.1	146.2	149.3
Debt securities	103.8	104.8	107.9
Loans	196.8	208.9	215.0
Trade credits and advances	124.6	124.7	122.5
Other debt liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0
Direct investment: Intercompany lending	28.6	30.9	31.2
Gross External Debt	611.8	637.3	648.2

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Table 5: India's Key External Debt Indicators

(Per cent, unless indicated otherwise)

End-March	External Debt (US\$ billion)	Ratio of External Debt to GDP	Debt Service Ratio	Ratio of Foreign Exchange Reserves to Total Debt	Ratio of Concessional Debt to Total Debt	Ratio of Short-Term Debt to Foreign Exchange Reserves	Ratio of Short-Term Debt (original maturity) to Total Debt
<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>(3)</i>	<i>(4)</i>	<i>(5)</i>	<i>(6)</i>	<i>(7)</i>	<i>(8)</i>
1991	83.8	28.3	35.3	7.0	45.9	146.5	10.2
1996	93.7	26.6	26.2	23.1	44.7	23.2	5.4
2001	101.3	22.1	16.6	41.7	35.4	8.6	3.6
2006	139.1	17.1	10.1#	109.0	28.4	12.9	14.0
2007	172.4	17.7	4.7	115.6	23.0	14.1	16.3
2008	224.4	18.3	4.8	138.0	19.7	14.8	20.4
2009	224.5	20.7	4.4	112.2	18.7	17.2	19.3
2010	260.9	18.5	5.8	106.9	16.8	18.8	20.1
2011	317.9	18.6	4.4	95.9	14.9	21.3	20.4
2012	360.8	21.1	6.0	81.6	13.3	26.6	21.7
2013	409.4	22.4	5.9	71.3	11.1	33.1	23.6
2014	446.2	23.9	5.9	68.2	10.4	30.1	20.5
2015	474.7	23.8	7.6	72.0	8.8	25.0	18.0
2016	484.8	23.4	8.8	74.3	9.0	23.2	17.2
2017	471.0	19.8	8.3	78.5	9.4	23.8	18.7
2018	529.3	20.1	7.5	80.2	9.1	24.1	19.3
2019	543.1	19.9	6.4	76.0	8.7	26.3	20.0
2020	558.4	20.9	6.5	85.6	8.8	22.4	19.1
2021	573.4	21.1	8.2	100.6	9.0	17.5	17.6
2022	619.0	20.0	5.2	98.1	8.3	20.0	19.7
2023PR	624.3	19.0	5.3	92.7	8.2	22.2	20.6
End-June 2023PR	629.1	18.8	6.8	94.6	7.8	20.8	19.6
End-September 2023 PR	637.3	18.8	6.7	92.2	7.5	22.0	20.3
End-December 2023 P	648.2	18.7	6.5	96.0	7.7	20.3	19.5

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#: Works out to 6.3 per cent with the exclusion of India Millennium Deposits (IMDs) repayments of US\$ 7.1 billion and pre-payment of external debt of US\$ 23.5 million.

Note: Figures are rounded off.