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# **MONTHLY ECONOMIC REPORT**

## **OCTOBER, 2002**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Post-monsoon season rainfall upto October 23 , 2002 was normal/excess in 31 per cent of meteorological sub-divisions.
- Foodgrain stocks were at 55.43 million tonnes as on September 1, 2002.
- Overall industrial growth was 4.9 per cent in April-August, 2002 as against 2.4 per cent in April-August, 2001.
- Core infrastructure sectors achieved an average growth rate of 6.7 per cent in April-August, 2002 as against an increase of 1.0 per cent in April-August, 2001.
- Money Supply (M3) growth was 9.2 per cent during March 31, 2002 to September 20, 2002, whereas annual growth rate for fortnight ended September 20, 2002 was 16.4 per cent. Net RBI Credit to Government decreased by 15.8 per cent during March 31, 2002 to September 20, 2002.
- The annual inflation rate in terms of WPI (Base 1993-94) was 3.02 per cent for week ended October 5, 2002 compared to 3.18 per cent a year ago.
- Exports increased by 13.4 per cent in dollar terms in April-August, 2002 compared to a decline of 0.6 per cent in April-August, 2001. Imports increased by 1.8 per cent as against an increase of 4.0 per cent in corresponding period of last year.
- Rupee appreciated against US Dollar, Japanese Yen and Euro and depreciated against Pound Sterling in September, 2002.
- Forex reserves (excluding Gold & SDRs) stood at \$59.66 billion at the end of September, 2002.
- Tax revenue (net to Centre) during April-August 2002, increased by 32.6 per cent over the corresponding period of last year.
- Fiscal deficit during April-August 2002 is lower by 1.0 per cent over the corresponding period last year.

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# AGRICULTURE

## POST-MONSOON SEASON RAINFALL\*

Number of Meteorological Sub-divisions							
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	1997-01+	2002
Excess/Normal	11	30	31	10	26	22	11
Deficient/Scanty/Nil	25	6	5	26	10	14	25
Total	36	36	36	36	36	36	36
+ Annual average	* (Oct.-Dec.)						

The Post-monsoon season rainfall from October 1, 2002 to October 23, 2002 was normal/excess in 11 (31 per cent) meteorological sub-divisions and deficient/scanty in the remaining 25 (69 per cent). The annual average for 1997-2001 was normal/excess in 22 (60 per cent ) meteorological sub-divisions and deficient/scanty in the remaining 14 (40 per cent).

## PROCUREMENT

(Million Tonnes)

Full Marketing Year				Up to October 25		
(1)	1999-2000 (2)	2000-01 (3)	2001-02 (4)	2001(P) (5)	2002(P) (6)	% change Col. (6)/(5)
Rice (Oct-Sep)	17.31	19.59	21.28	6.84	6.71	-1.9
Wheat (Apr-Mar)	14.14	16.36	20.63	20.62	19.03	-7.7
Total	31.45	35.95	41.91	27.46	25.74	-6.3

Wheat procurement up to October 25, 2002 in the current marketing year, (i.e., 2002-2003) was lower by 7.7 per cent at 19.03 million tonnes compared with 20.62 million tonnes in the corresponding period in 2001-02. Procurement of rice during the marketing year 2002-03 (up to October 25, 2002) at 6.71 million tonnes was lower by 1.9 per cent than the level of 6.84 million tonnes during the corresponding period of 2001-02.

## OFF-TAKE

(Million Tonnes)

<u>April-August</u>					
	1999-00(P)	2000-01(P)	2001-02(P)	2001-02	2002-03
Rice	12.42	10.22	15.31	4.44	10.89
Wheat	10.63	7.73	15.99	4.30	7.33
Total	23.05	17.95	31.30	8.74	18.22

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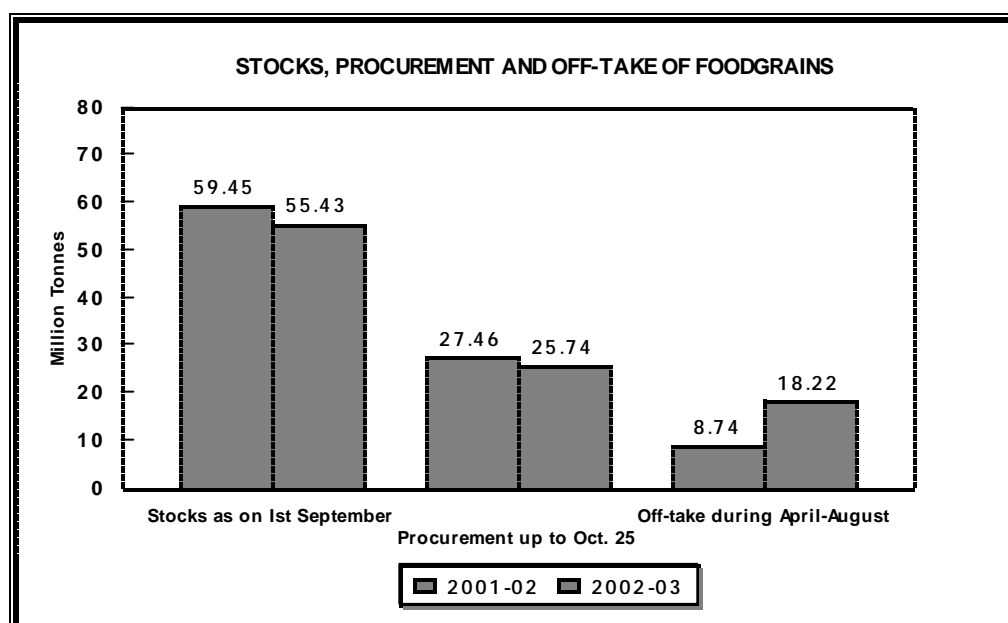
Off-take from the Public Distribution System during April-August, 2002-03 was 18.22 million tonnes, which was higher by 108.43 per cent than the off-take of 8.74 million tonnes during April-August, 2001-02.

## STOCKS

(Million Tonnes)

	As on 1st Aug.		As on 1st Sept.	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
Rice	22.20	20.13	21.58	17.53
Wheat	38.72	39.65	37.87	37.90
Total	60.92	59.78	59.45	55.43

Stocks of foodgrains as on 1st September, 2002 stood at 55.43 million tonnes which was lower by 6.8 per cent than the level at 59.45 million tonnes as on 1st September, 2001.

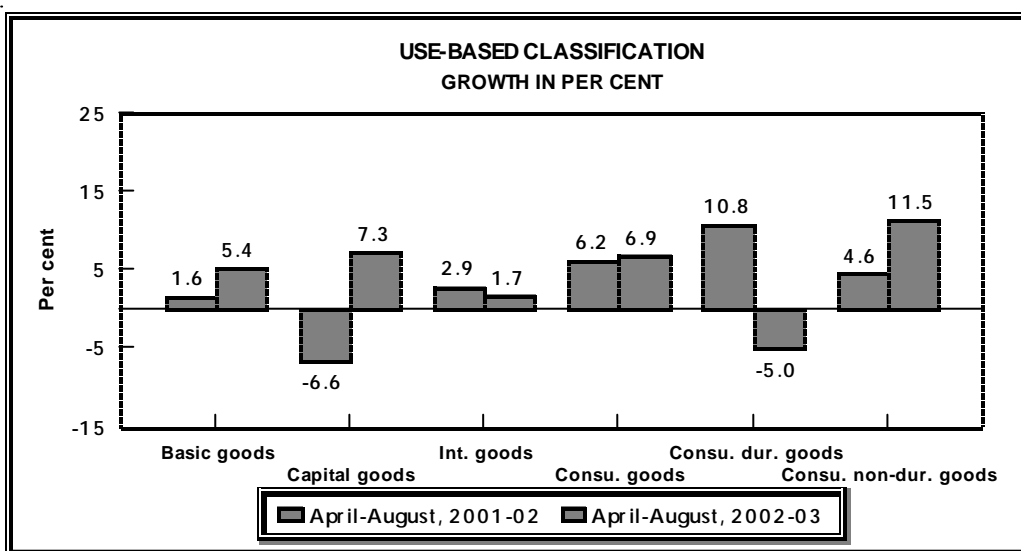
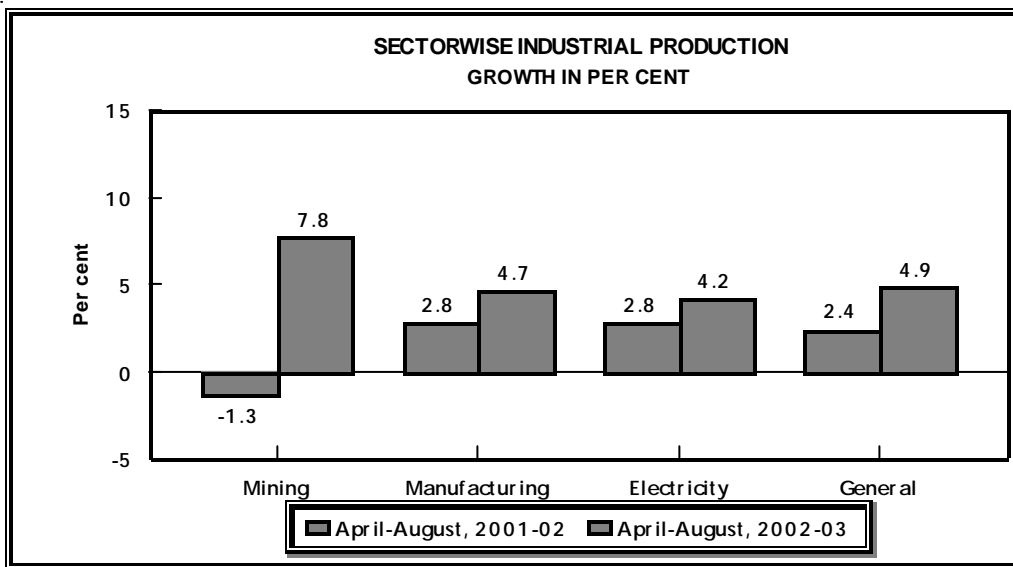


## INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

SECTORWISE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (Base = 1993-94 = 100)						(Percentage change)
	2000-01/ 1999-00	2001-02/ 2000-01	Aug '01/ Aug '00	Aug '02/ Aug '01	<u>Apri-August</u>	
					2001-02	2002-03
<b><u>General</u></b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Mining & Quarrying	3.7	1.8	0.6	6.2	-1.3	7.8
Manufacturing	5.3	2.8	3.3	5.9	2.8	4.7
Electricity	4.0	3.1	2.7	3.7	2.8	4.2
<b><u>Use-Based Classification</u></b>						
Basic goods	3.9	2.8	2.9	3.8	1.6	5.4
Capital goods	1.8	-3.9	-7.7	10.0	-6.6	7.3
Intermediate goods	4.7	1.6	1.7	5.0	2.9	1.7
Consumer goods	8.0	6.0	8.4	7.4	6.2	6.9
<b><u>Of which</u></b>						
Consumer Durables	14.5	11.5	16.2	-8.3	10.8	-5.0
Consumer non-Durables	5.8	4.0	5.5	13.9	4.6	11.5

The overall growth rate of Industrial production during **April-August, 2002-03** was 4.9 per cent as compared to 2.4 per cent in April-August, 2001-02. The growth in mining & quarrying, manufacturing sector and electricity generation during April-August, 2002-03 was 7.8%, 4.7% and 4.2% respectively as against (-)1.3%, 2.8% and 2.8% in April-August, 2001-02.

As per the use-based classification, production in intermediate goods during April-August, 2002-03, registered lower increase while basic goods, capital goods and consumer goods registered higher increase compared with April-August, 2001-02.

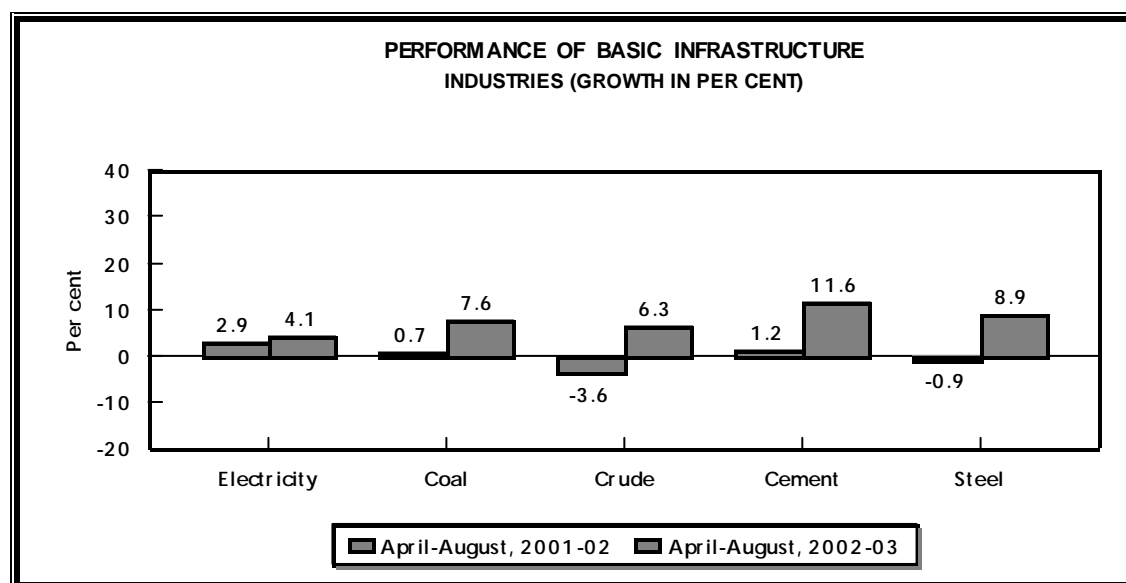


## INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRIES

PRODUCTION IN INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRIES								
Industry/Infrastructure	Unit	August		Full Year	April-Aug.		Percentage change April-August	
		2001	2002		2001-02	2002-03	2001-02/ 2000-01	2002-03/ 2001-02
Coal	Mn tons	25.0	23.6	322.6	117.8	126.8	0.7	7.6
Electricity Generation	Mn kw	42676	44282	515271	210261	218894	2.9	4.1
Hydel	Mn kw	8685	6587	73992	33287	30398	-3.0	-8.7
Thermal (including nuclear)	Mn kw	33991	37695	441279	176974	188496	4.1	6.5
Crude petroleum	000 tons	2763	2818	32030	13004	13829	-3.6	6.3
Petroleum Products	000 tons	8213	8760	99815	40716	43237	5.6	6.2
Finished steel	000 tons	2437	2759	31066	12437	13539	-0.9	8.9
Cement	000 tons	7752	8694	106900	43093	48100	1.2	11.6
<b>Average growth rate*</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>6.7</b>
Industry/Infrastructure	Unit	July		Full Year	April-July		April-July	
		2001	2002		2001-02	2002-03	2001-02/ 2000-01	2002-03/ 2001-02
Cargo handled at major ports	Mn tons	24.73	25.18	287.71	91.47	100.63	-2.8	10.0
Telecommunications								
a) Net switching capacity	000 lines	276.40	239.28	6956.77	943.09	1090.82	-10.2	15.7
b) Net Tele. connections	000 nos	241.01	281.21	5334.84	743.81	728.89	-18.2	-2.0
Revenue earning goods traffic on railways	Mn tons	37.47	43.17	492.31	154.60	166.58	-0.1	7.7

\* Weights as in IIP (Base: 1993-94) : Coal (3.2), Electricity generation (10.2), Crude oil (4.2), Refinery throughput (2.0), Finished steel (5.1) and Cement (2.0).

The six core infrastructure industries registered significant improvement in **April-August, 2002-03** as compared to April-August, 2001-02. During April-August, 2002-03 average growth rate was 6.7 per cent as compared to an increase of 1.0 per cent in April-August, 2001-02.



## REVENUE EARNING GOODS TRAFFIC ON RAILWAYS

(Million Tonnes)

REVENUE EARNING GOODS TRAFFIC ON RAILWAYS							
Commodities	July 2001	2002	Full Year	April-July		Percentage Change	
				2001-02	2002-03	July 2002/2001	April-July 2002-03/ 2001-02
Coal	17.89	19.89	229.79	72.14	76.01	11.2	5.4
Raw material for Steel Plants	3.08	3.35	39.38	12.20	12.67	8.8	3.9
Pig Iron & Finished Steel From Steel Plants	0.95	1.06	12.00	3.61	3.91	11.6	8.3
Iron Ore for Exports	1.04	1.42	15.72	4.64	4.54	36.5	-2.2
Cement	3.08	4.07	44.00	15.21	16.10	32.1	5.9
Foodgrains	1.99	3.55	32.81	9.46	14.43	78.4	52.5
Fertilizers	2.42	2.35	27.09	8.50	8.70	-2.9	2.4
POL	2.98	3.03	35.62	11.87	12.03	1.7	1.3
Balance other goods	4.04	4.45	55.90	16.97	18.19	10.1	7.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>37.47</b>	<b>43.17</b>	<b>492.31</b>	<b>154.60</b>	<b>166.58</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>7.7</b>

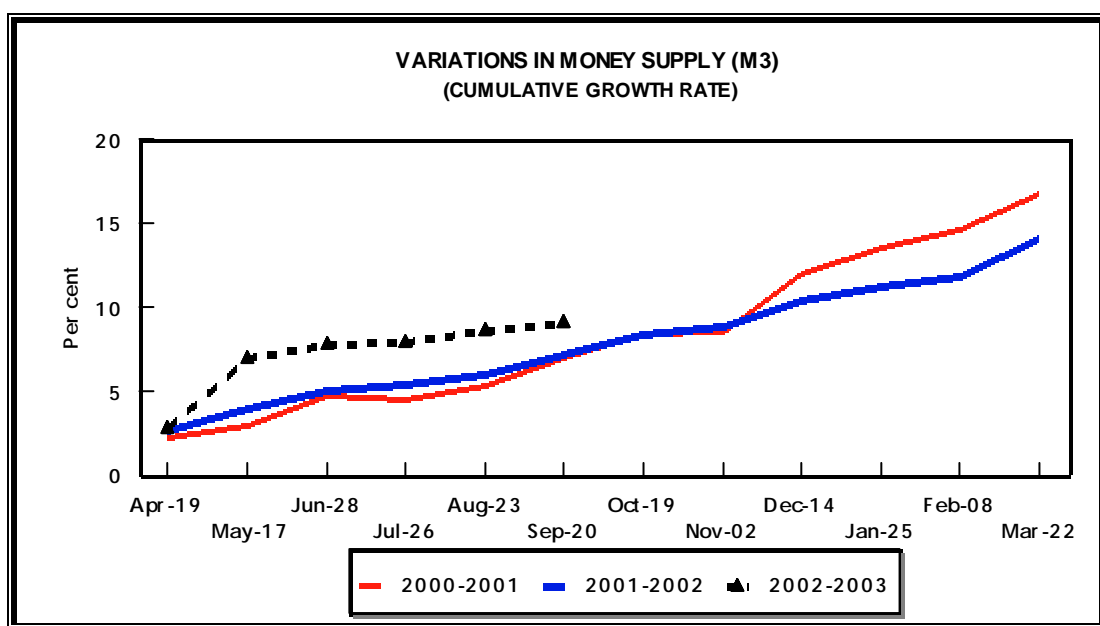
The revenue earning goods traffic handled by the Railways increased by 7.7 per cent during **April-July, 2002-03** as compared to a decline of 0.1 per cent in April-July, 2001-02.

## MONEY AND BANKING

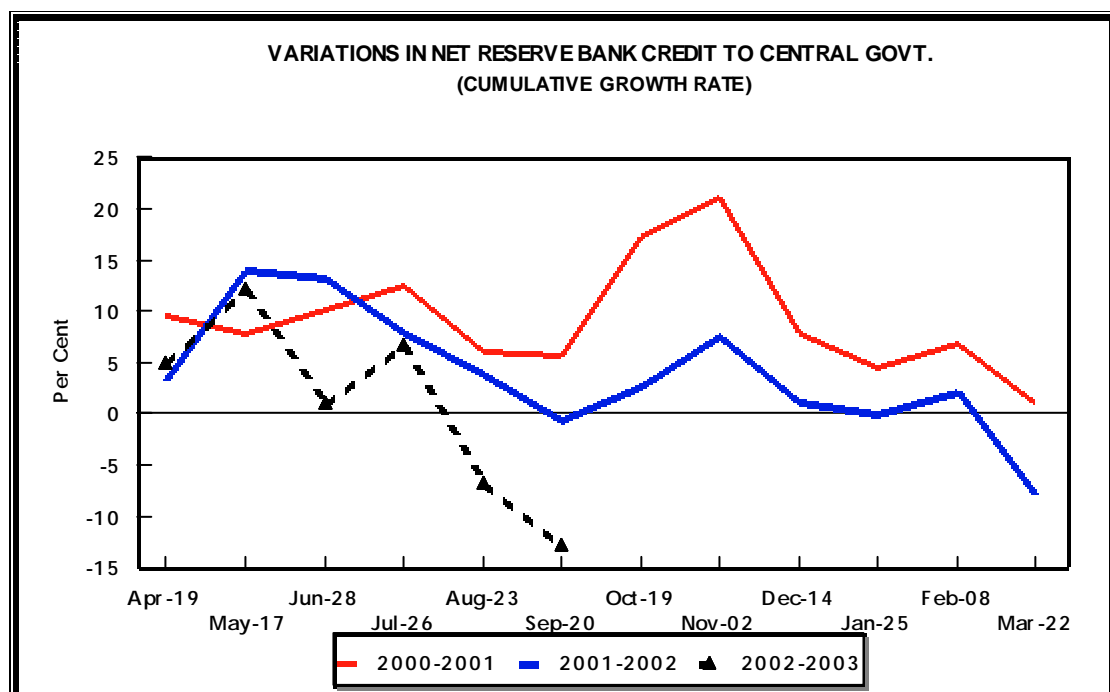
VARIATIONS IN MONEY STOCK						
	Full Year Mar 31 '01 to Mar 31 '02	Mar 31 '02 to Sep 20 '02 (P)	Full Year Mar 31 '01 to Mar 31 '02	Mar 31 '01 to Sep 21 '01 (P)	Mar 31 '02 to Sep 20 '02 (P)	Sep 21 '01 to Sep 20 '02 (P)
	(Rs crore)		(per cent)			
<b>M1 (I+II+IV)</b>	43083	10372	11.4	1.1	2.5	12.8
<b>M3(M1+ III)</b>	186782	138565	14.2	7.2	9.2	16.4
I. Currency with the public	31849	9287	15.2	4.2	3.8	14.8
II. Demand deposits with banks	12014	485	7.2	-2.5	0.3	10.3
III. Time deposits with banks	143699	128194	15.4	9.6	11.9	17.8
IV. Other deposits with RBI	-780	600	-21.5	-8.6	21.0	3.9
<b>Sources of change in M3</b> (1+2+3+4-5)						
1. Net Bank Credit to Govt (A+B)	74511	45120	14.6	9.5	7.7	12.7
A. RBI's net credit to Govt	-1699	-23991	-1.1	-1.2	-15.8	-15.7
To Central Govt	-5150	-18100	-3.5	-0.4	-12.8	-15.5
To State Govts	3451	-5891	47.0	-16.8	-54.6	-19.8
B. Other bank credit to Govt	76210	69111	21.3	14.1	15.9	23.2
2. Bank credit to commercial sector	77046	73984	11.3	2.3	9.8	19.5
3. Net foreign exchange assets of banking sector	64913	39327	26.0	8.4	12.5	30.8
4. Govt's currency liabilities to the public	1013	295	18.9	8.4	4.6	14.8
5. Banking sector's net non-monetary liabilities other than time deposits	30701	20161	23.1	-6.5	12.3	47.8
<p>P : Provisional</p> <p>Data since April 1999 are provisional.</p> <p>Revised in line with the new accounting standards and consistent with the methodology suggested by the Working Group on Money Supply: Analytics and Methodology of Compilation (June 1998). The revision is in respect of pension and provident funds with commercial banks which are classified as other demand and time liabilities and includes those banks which have reported such changes so far.</p> <p>Government balances as on March 31, 2002 are after closure of accounts.</p> <p>Monetary aggregates include the liabilities and assets of the ICICI with effect from May 3, 2002 following its merger with the ICICI Bank.</p>						

During the current financial year (i.e., March 31, 2002 to September 20, 2002) money supply (M3) increased by 9.2 per cent which is higher than 7.2 per cent recorded in the corresponding period of 2001-02. Among its components, currency with the public showed a growth of 3.8 per cent as against 4.2 per cent in the corresponding period of last year. Demand deposits with banks showed an increase of 0.3 per cent as against a decline of 2.5 per cent in the corresponding period of last financial year. Time deposits with banks increased by 11.9 per cent as against 9.6 per cent in the corresponding period of last year. The annual growth of M3 as on September 20, 2002 stood at 16.4 per cent.





On the sources side, the Net Bank Credit to Government recorded a growth of 7.7 per cent during the current financial year (i.e. March 31, 2002 to September 20, 2002) as against 9.5 per cent in the corresponding period of 2001-02. RBI's Net Credit to Central Government decreased by 12.8 per cent as against a decline of 0.4 per cent in 2001-02. Bank credit to the commercial sector increased by 9.8 per cent as against an increase of 2.3 per cent in the corresponding period of last year. Net foreign exchange assets of banking sector increased by 12.5 per cent as compared with 8.4 per cent in the corresponding period of 2001-02.



## SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANKS

SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANKS: VARIATION IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES						
	Full Year Mar 23,'01 to Mar 22,'02	Mar 22,'02 to Sep 20,'02 (P)	Full Year Mar 23,'01 to Mar 22,'02	Mar 23,'01 to Sep 21,'01	Mar 22,'02 to Sep 20,'02 (P)	Sep 21,'01 to Sep 20,'02 (P)
	(Rs crore)		(per cent)			
1. Bank credit	74398	72008	17.3	3.6	12.2	24.9
Food credit	13987	-616	55.7	20.7	-1.1	10.6
Non-food credit	60411	72624	14.9	2.2	13.6	26.3
2. Aggregate deposits	137836	122897	18.4	8.0	11.1	17.9
Demand deposits	9129	435	11.9	-2.8	0.3	10.8
Time deposits	128707	122462	19.5	9.9	12.9	19.1
3. Borrowings from RBI	-280	-3605	-40.0	6.6	-99.7	-99.7
4. Cash reserves						
Cash in hand	405	124	6.1	8.0	2.0	4.2
Balances with RBI	2858	4325	3.7	14.7	6.9	-2.3
5. Investments in Govt. and other approved securities	68994	65274	19.8	12.0	14.9	21.5
<p>P : Provisional</p> <p>Data since April 1999 are provisional.</p> <p>Revised in line with the new accounting standards and consistent with the methodology suggested by the Working Group on Money Supply: Analytics and Methodology of Compilation (June 1998). The revision is in respect of pension and provident funds with commercial banks which are classified as other demand and time liabilities and includes those banks which have reported such changes so far.</p>						

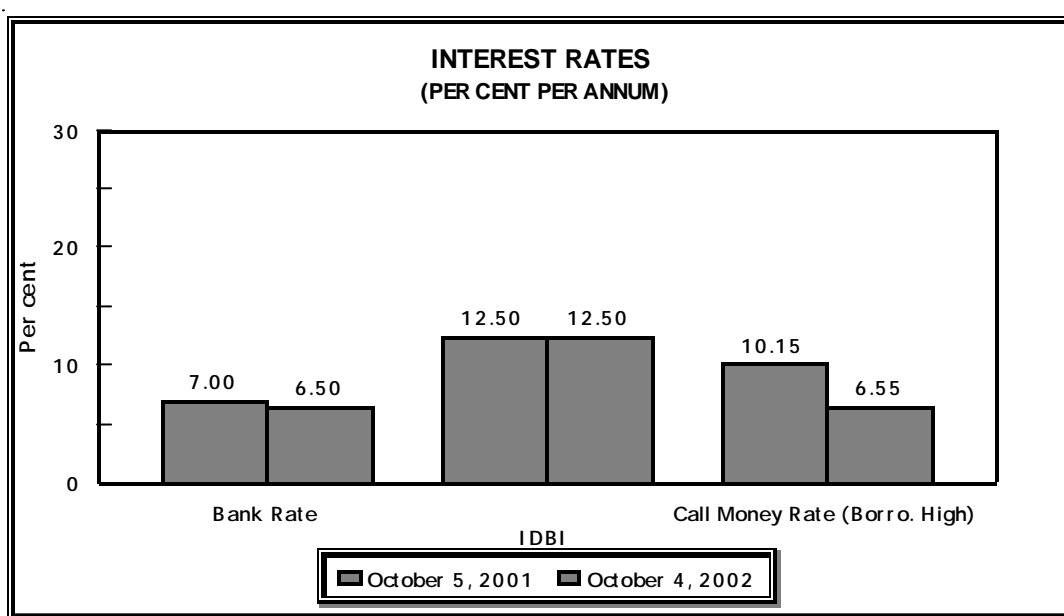
Bank credit by the scheduled commercial banks during the current financial year (i.e. March 22, 2002 to September 20, 2002) showed a growth of 12.2 per cent as compared with an increase of 3.6 per cent in the corresponding period of last financial year. Food credit decreased by 1.1 per cent while non-food credit increased by 13.6 per cent during this period.

### INTEREST RATES (PER CENT PER ANNUM)

<i>Item/ Week ended</i>	<i>2001 Oct. 5</i>	<i>2002 Oct. 4</i>
1	2	3
Bank Rate	7.00	6.50
I.D.B.I. <sup>1</sup>	12.50	12.50
Prime Lending Rate <sup>2</sup>	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00
Deposit Rate <sup>3</sup>	8.00-9.00	6.50-7.50
Call Money Rate <sup>4</sup> (Low/High)		
-Borrowings	4.68/10.15	4.25/6.55
-Lendings	4.68/10.15	3.50/6.55

1. Minimum Term Lending Rate (MTLR).
2. Prime Lending Rate relates to five major Banks.
3. Deposit Rate relates to major banks for term deposits of more than one year maturity.
4. Call money rates are based on data covering 75-80 per cent of total transactions reported by major participants.

As on October 4, 2002, Prime Lending Rate ranged from 11.00 to 12.00 per cent same as on October 5, 2001. Deposit Rate ranged from 6.50 to 7.50 per cent as against 8.00 to 9.00 on the corresponding day of last year.

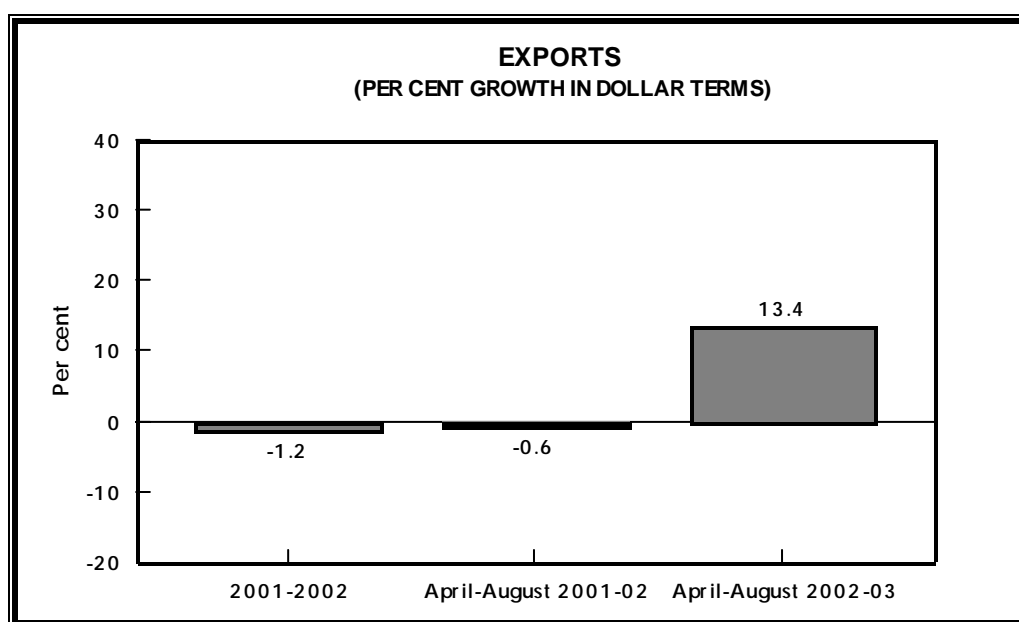


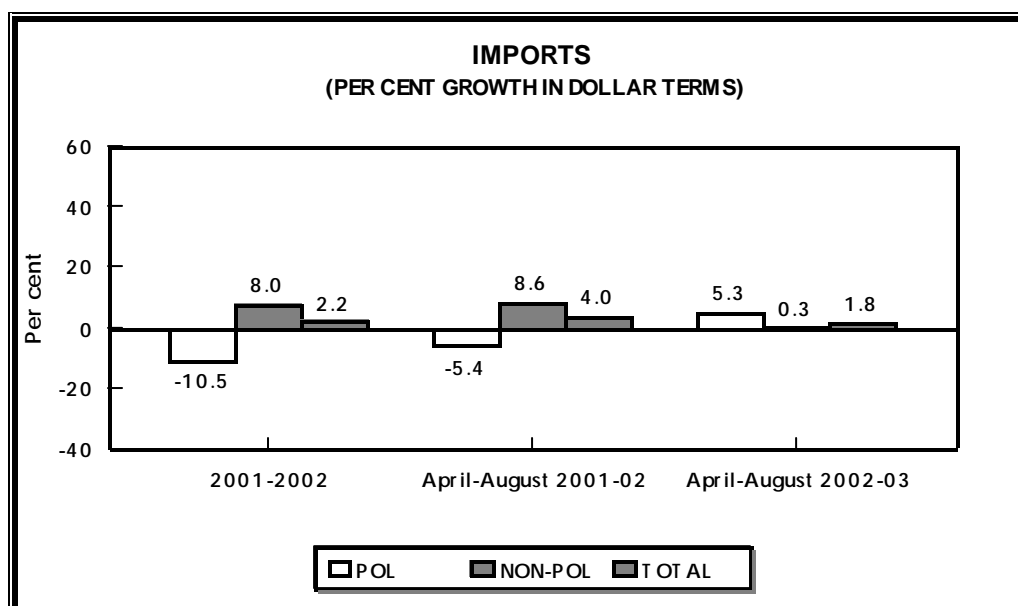
## EXTERNAL SECTOR

### FOREIGN TRADE

FOREIGN TRADE*						
Item	2000-01(P)	2001-02(PR)	April-August		April-August	
			2001-02	2002-03	2001-02	2002-03
Rs. Crore			% change			
Exports	201356	207746	81948	96550	4.8	17.8
Imports	228307	243645	103777	109743	9.8	5.7
POL	71497	66770	30678	33572	-0.2	9.4
Non-POL	156811	176875	73099	76171	14.6	4.2
Trade Balance	-26951	-35899	-21829	-13192	-	-
Million Dollar			% change			
Exports	44075	43560	17436	19766	-0.6	13.4
Imports	49975	51087	22080	22469	4.0	1.8
POL	15650	14000	6528	6873	-5.4	5.3
Non-POL	34325	37087	15552	15596	8.6	0.3
Trade Balance	-5900	-7527	-4644	-2703	-	-
P = Provisional, PR = Partially Revised						

Exports in dollar terms in **April-August, 2002-03** increased by 13.4 per cent as compared to a negative growth of 0.6 per cent in April-August, 2001-02. Imports increased by 1.8 per cent as against an increase of 4.0 per cent last year. Imports of POL increased by 5.3 per cent in April-August, 2002-03 as against a decline of 5.4 per cent in corresponding period last year.

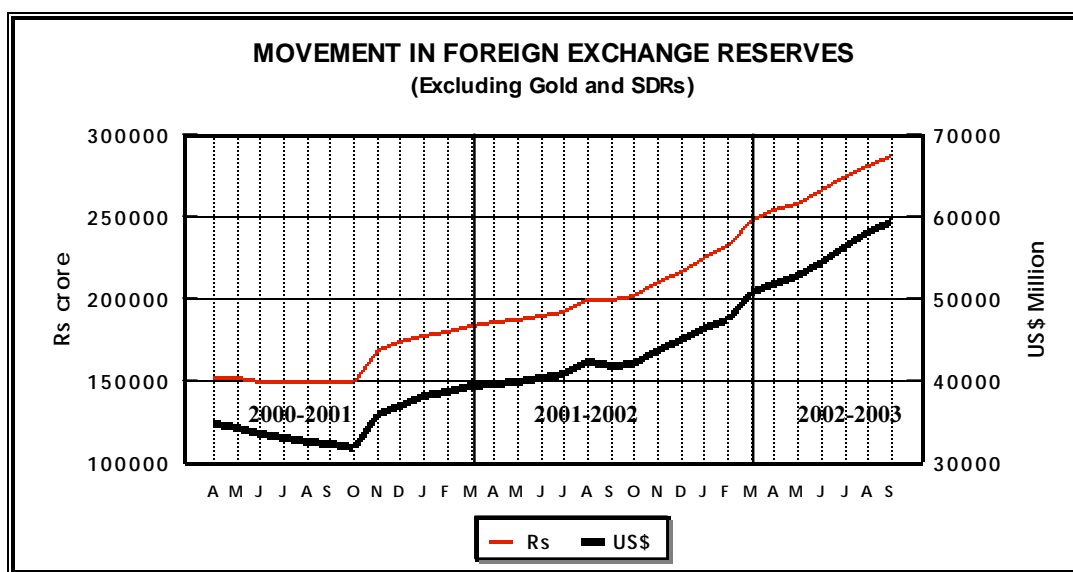




## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES (EXCLUDING GOLD AND SDRs)				
At the end of	Amount		Variation	
	Rs Crore	\$ Million	Rs Crore (Over last Year)	\$ Million (Over last Year)
March, 1995	66006	20809	18719	5741
March, 1996	58446	17044	-7560	-3765
March, 1997	80368	22367	21922	5323
March, 1998	102507	25975	22139	3608
March, 1999	125412	29522	22905	3547
March, 2000	152924	35058	27512	5536
March, 2001	184482	39554	31558	4496
March, 2002	249118	51049	64636	11495
<b>2002-2003</b>	<b>(Over last Month)</b>			
April	255166	52107	6048	1058
May	259319	52890	4153	783
June	267333	54703	8014	1813
July	276033	56704	8700	2001
August	282682	58273	6649	1569
September*	288648	59663	5966	1390
* Provisional				

Foreign Exchange Reserves (excluding Gold & SDRs), were \$51049 million at the end of 2001-2002. These reserves have increased by \$8614 million and stood at \$59663 million at the end of September, 2002.

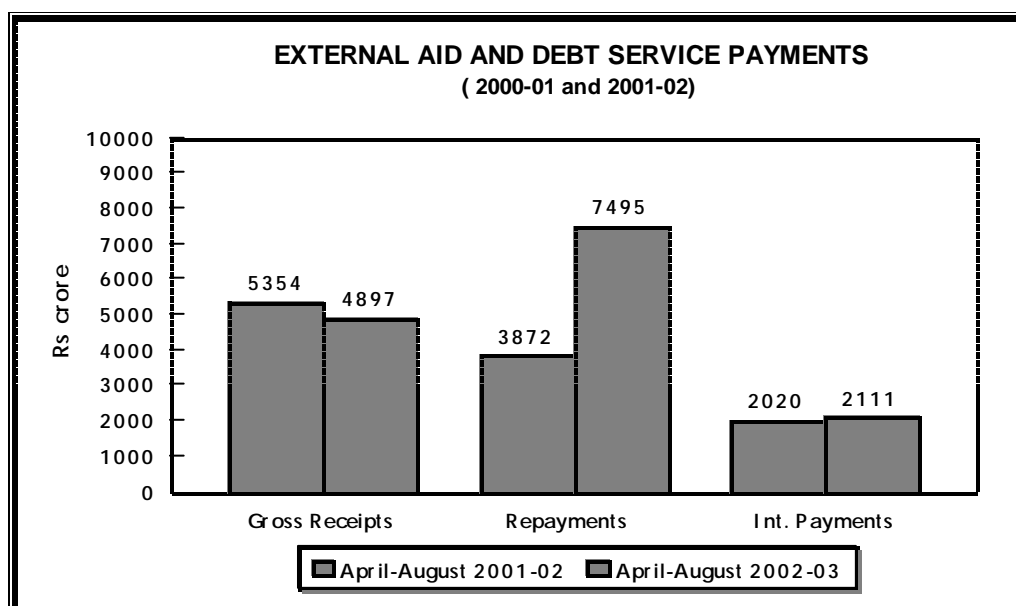


## EXTERNAL AID RECEIPTS AND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS\*

(Rs Crore)

	Receipts		Repayment of Principal		Payment of Interest	
	2001-02	2002-03	2001-02	2002-03	2001-02	2002-03
Loans- Govt. A/C	4125	3651	3590	4619	1723	1741
Grants- Govt. A/C	453	222	-	-	-	-
Total	4578	3873	3590	4619	1723	1741
Non-Govt. loans	776	986	282	2876	297	370
Grants-Non-Govt.	61	38	-	-	-	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5354</b>	<b>4897</b>	<b>3872</b>	<b>7495</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2111</b>
	(1139)	(1003)	(824)	(1534)	(430)	(432)
Net Flows						
(net of repayment)	1482	-2598	-	-	-	-
Net Transfers	(315)	(-532)				
(net of repayment and interest payments)	-538	-4709	-	-	-	-
	(-115)	(-964)				
* April-August						
Note: Figures in brackets are in terms of million US \$						

Gross external aid in **April-August, 2002-03** at Rs 4897 crore was 8.5 per cent lower than that of Rs 5354 crore in April-August, 2001-02. Net aid flows (net of repayments) amounted to Rs (-) 2598 crore as against Rs 1482 crore. Net aid transfers (net of repayments and interest payments) was Rs (-) 4709 crore as against Rs (-) 538 crore in the corresponding period of last year.



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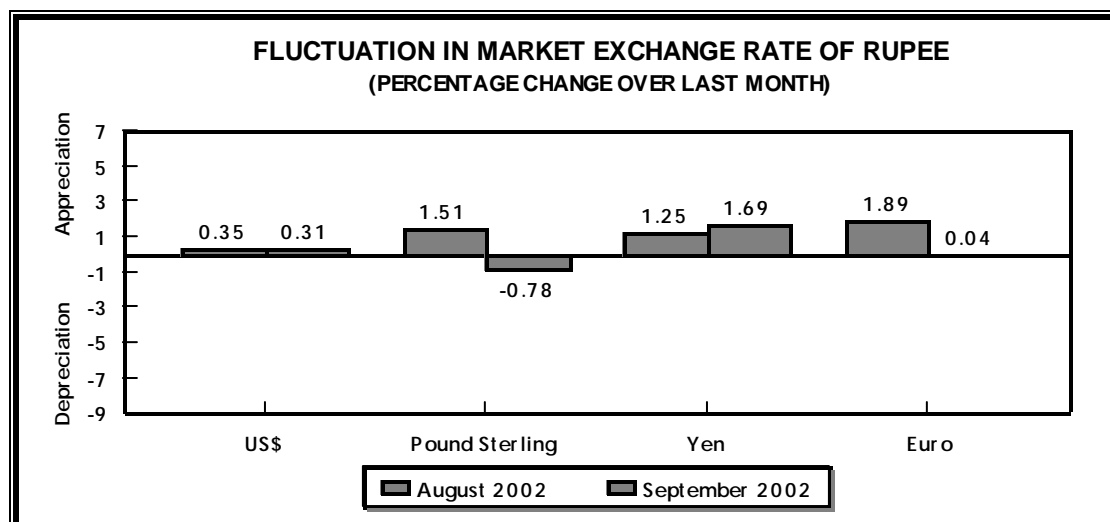
Rupees Per Unit of Foreign Currency							(Market Rate <sup>a</sup> )	
Month	US Dollar	Pound Sterling	Deutsche Mark*	Japanese Yen	French Franc*	Euro@	5 Country NEER Base 1995=100	5 Country REER
March 2000	43.59	68.93	21.54	0.4208	6.42	42.08	81.75	99.39
March 2001	46.62	67.39	21.64	0.3846	6.45	42.44	80.23	99.92
March 2002	48.74	69.37	--	0.3723	--	42.75	78.58	103.09
<b>2002-2003</b>								
April	48.92	70.53	--	0.3738	--	43.30	77.98	101.71
May	49.00	71.53	--	0.3876	--	44.93	76.66	100.87
June	48.97	72.57	--	0.3965	--	46.74	75.54	100.55
July	48.76	75.84	--	0.4132	--	48.42	74.12	99.04
August	48.59	74.71	--	0.4081	--	47.52	74.86	101.08
September	48.44	75.30	--	0.4013	--	47.50	75.08	101.98

a. FEDAI Rates

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\* The rates for these foreign currencies are the average of week end rates reported in the Financial Times, London since exchange rates for the currencies are not quoted in India from Jan. 1, 1999.

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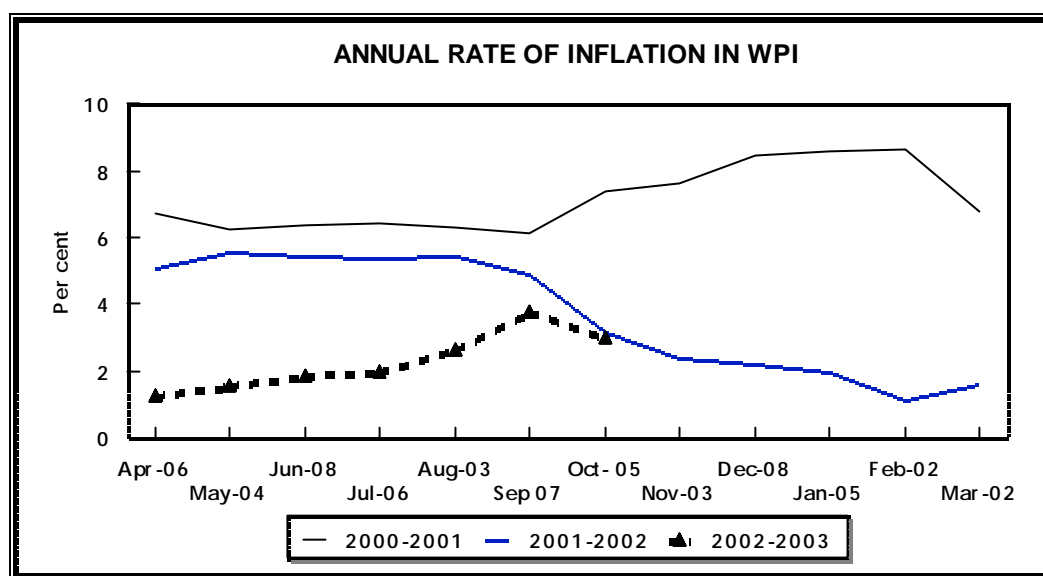


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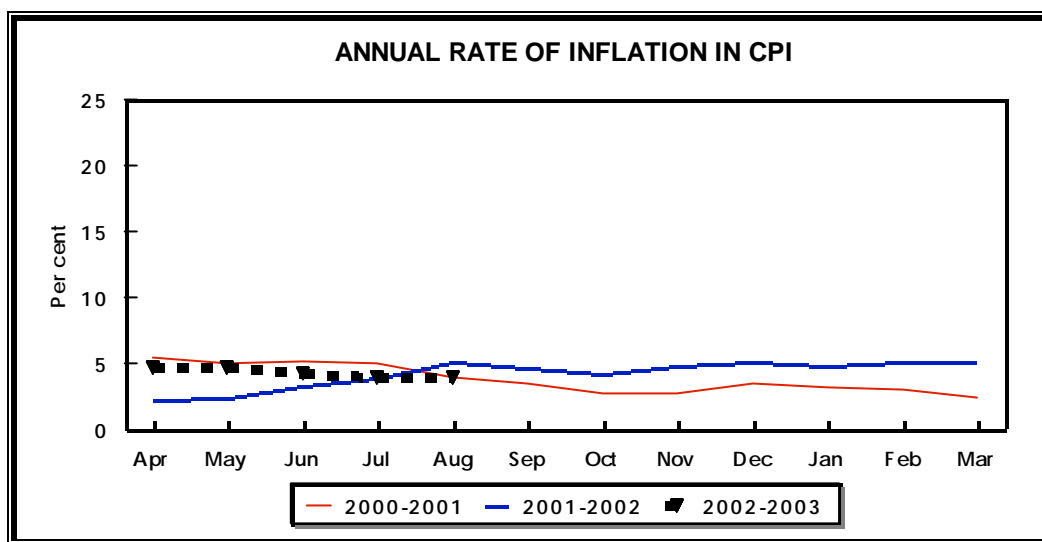
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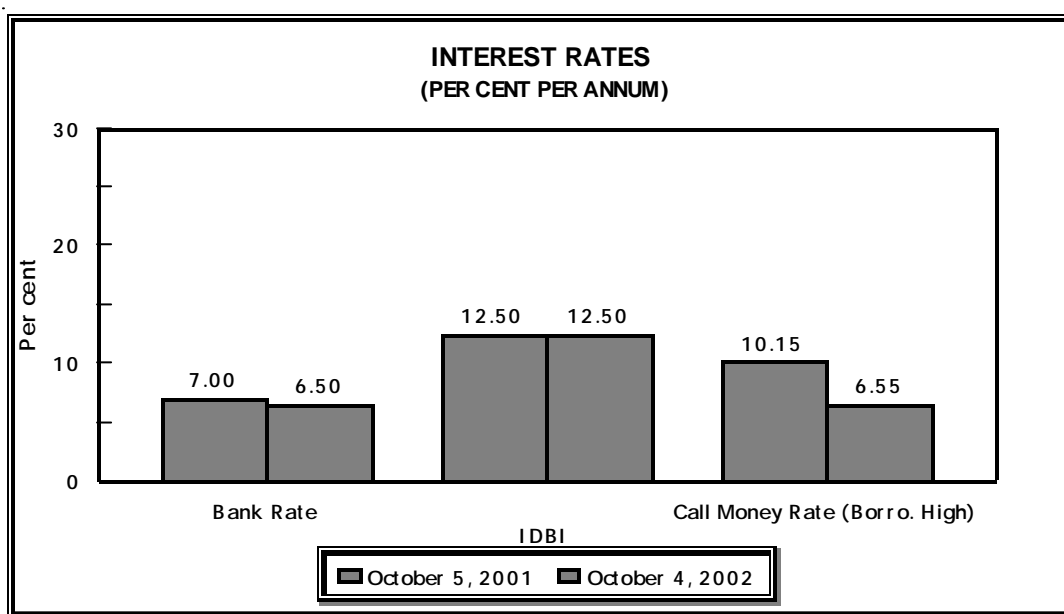
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<i>Item/ Week ended</i>	<i>2001 Oct. 5</i>	<i>2002 Oct. 4</i>
1	2	3
Bank Rate	7.00	6.50
I.D.B.I. <sup>1</sup>	12.50	12.50
Prime Lending Rate <sup>2</sup>	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00
Deposit Rate <sup>3</sup>	8.00-9.00	6.50-7.50
Call Money Rate <sup>4</sup> (Low/High)		
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-Lendings	4.68/10.15	3.50/6.55

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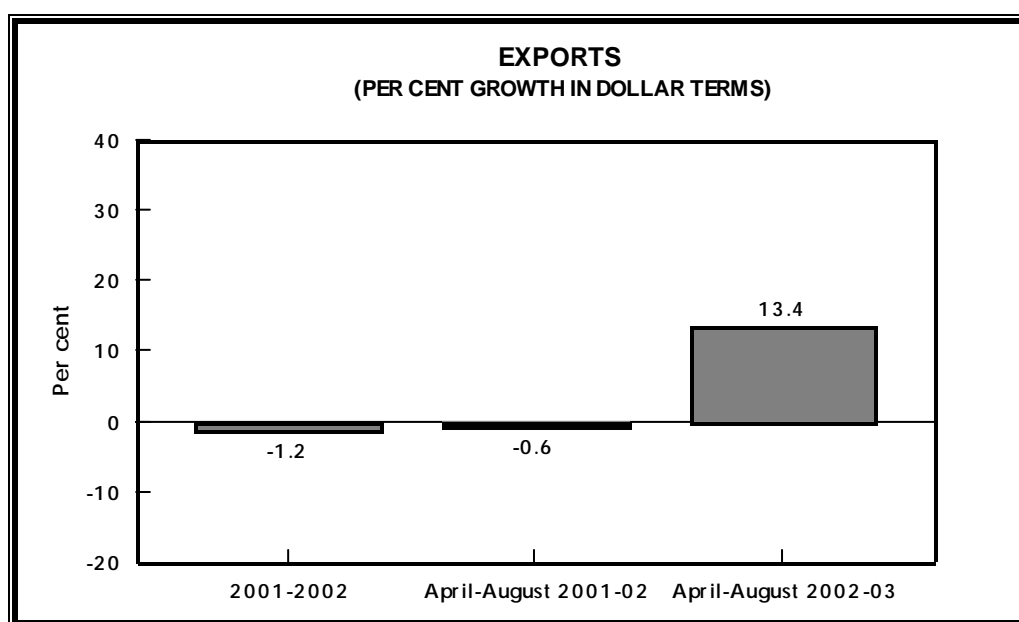


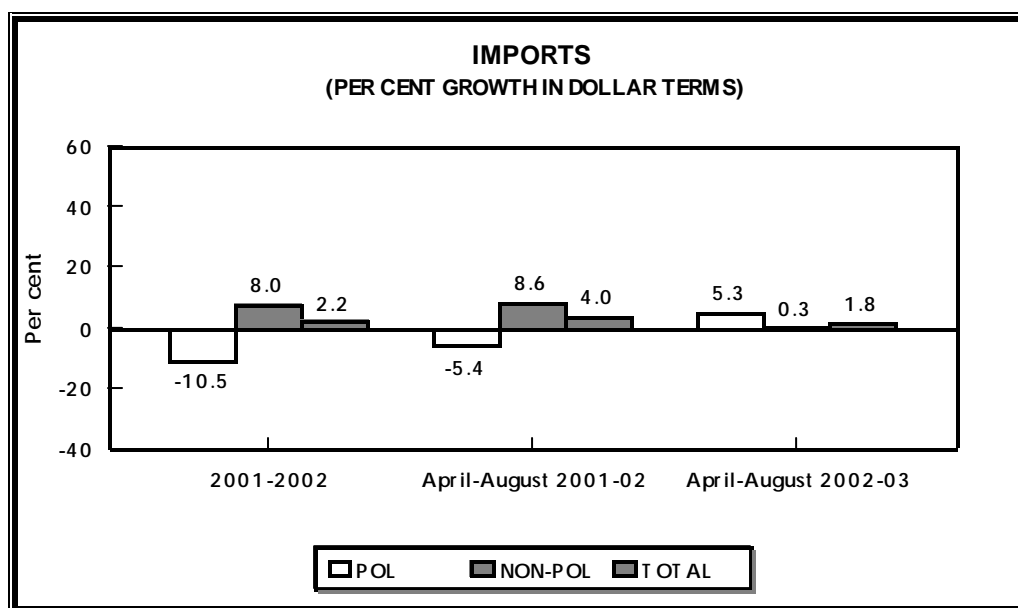
## EXTERNAL SECTOR

### FOREIGN TRADE

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Item	2000-01(P)	2001-02(PR)	April-August		April-August	
			2001-02	2002-03	2001-02	2002-03
Rs. Crore			% change			
Exports	201356	207746	81948	96550	4.8	17.8
Imports	228307	243645	103777	109743	9.8	5.7
POL	71497	66770	30678	33572	-0.2	9.4
Non-POL	156811	176875	73099	76171	14.6	4.2
Trade Balance	-26951	-35899	-21829	-13192	-	-
Million Dollar			% change			
Exports	44075	43560	17436	19766	-0.6	13.4
Imports	49975	51087	22080	22469	4.0	1.8
POL	15650	14000	6528	6873	-5.4	5.3
Non-POL	34325	37087	15552	15596	8.6	0.3
Trade Balance	-5900	-7527	-4644	-2703	-	-
P = Provisional, PR = Partially Revised						

Exports in dollar terms in **April-August, 2002-03** increased by 13.4 per cent as compared to a negative growth of 0.6 per cent in April-August, 2001-02. Imports increased by 1.8 per cent as against an increase of 4.0 per cent last year. Imports of POL increased by 5.3 per cent in April-August, 2002-03 as against a decline of 5.4 per cent in corresponding period last year.

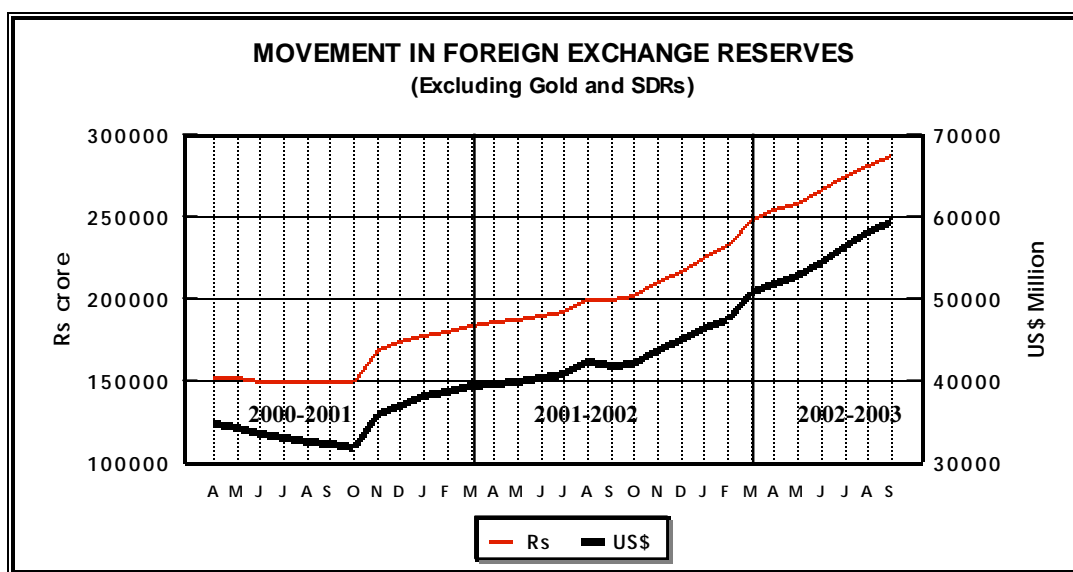




## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES

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At the end of	Amount		Variation	
	Rs Crore	\$ Million	Rs Crore (Over last Year)	\$ Million (Over last Year)
March, 1995	66006	20809	18719	5741
March, 1996	58446	17044	-7560	-3765
March, 1997	80368	22367	21922	5323
March, 1998	102507	25975	22139	3608
March, 1999	125412	29522	22905	3547
March, 2000	152924	35058	27512	5536
March, 2001	184482	39554	31558	4496
March, 2002	249118	51049	64636	11495
<b>2002-2003</b>	<b>(Over last Month)</b>			
April	255166	52107	6048	1058
May	259319	52890	4153	783
June	267333	54703	8014	1813
July	276033	56704	8700	2001
August	282682	58273	6649	1569
September*	288648	59663	5966	1390
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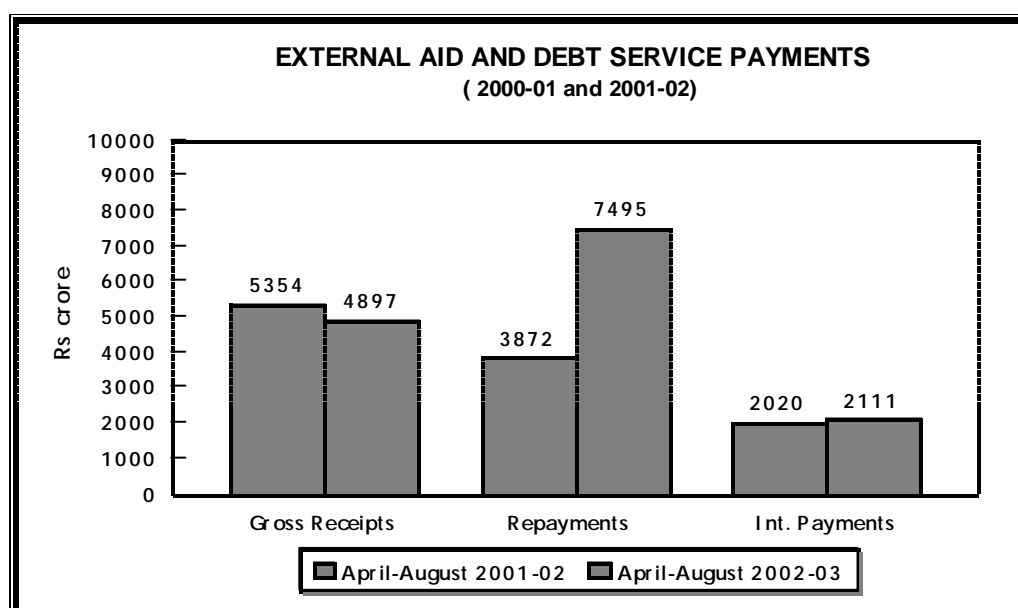


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(Rs Crore)

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Grants- Govt. A/C	453	222	-	-	-	-
Total	4578	3873	3590	4619	1723	1741
Non-Govt. loans	776	986	282	2876	297	370
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5354</b>	<b>4897</b>	<b>3872</b>	<b>7495</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2111</b>
	(1139)	(1003)	(824)	(1534)	(430)	(432)
Net Flows						
(net of repayment)	1482	-2598	-	-	-	-
Net Transfers	(315)	(-532)				
(net of repayment and interest payments)	-538	-4709	-	-	-	-
	(-115)	(-964)				
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Note: Figures in brackets are in terms of million US \$						

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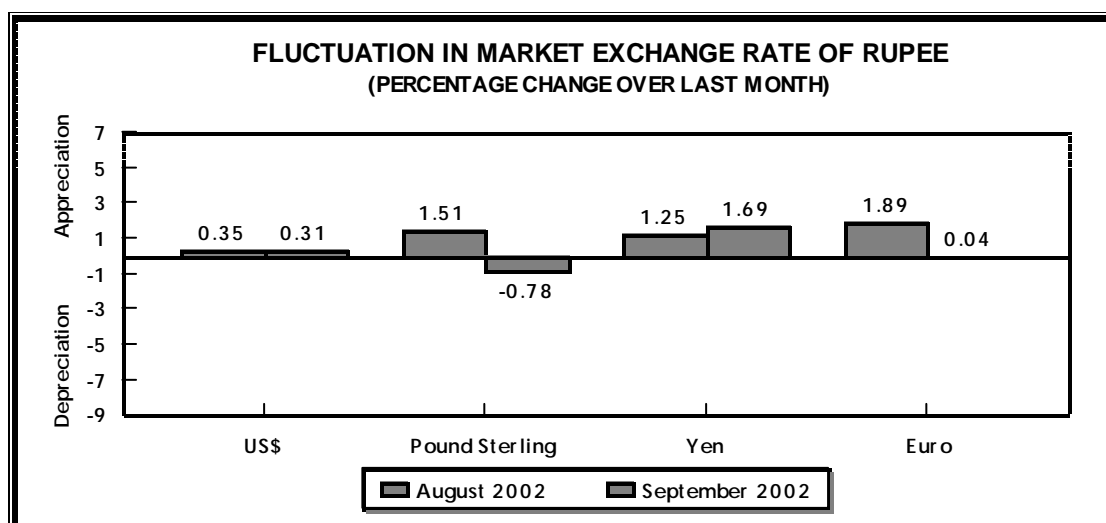


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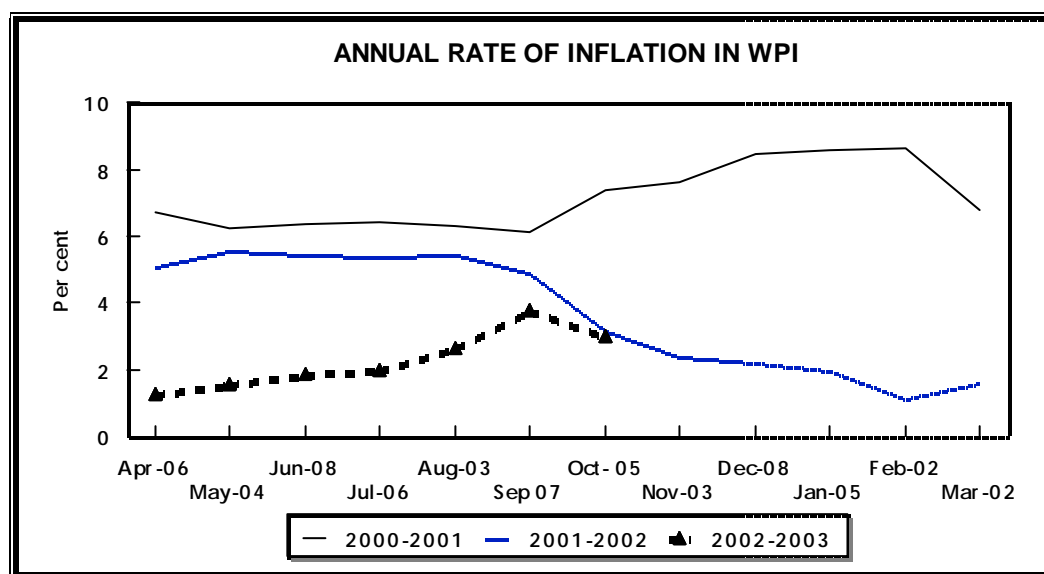


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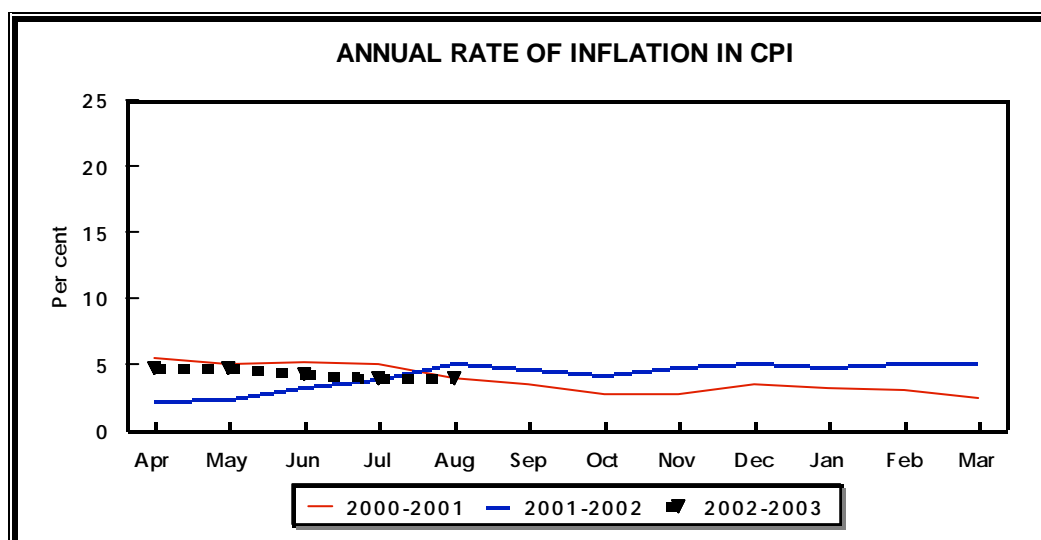
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