



Central Bank Survey: End-March 2019

The monetary base dropped by Rs1,606 million, from Rs103,485 million as at end-February 2019 to Rs101,879 million as at end-March 2019, or by 1.6 per cent, as against an increase of 0.6 per cent registered between end-January 2019 and end-February 2019. The contraction resulted largely from the fall in liabilities to Other Depository Corporations, which more than offset the increase registered in the other components of the monetary base. The annual growth rate of monetary base accelerated from 2.6 per cent in February 2019 to 5.1 per cent in March 2019.

On the sources side of the monetary base, the net foreign assets of the Bank rose by Rs6,610 million, or by 3.0 per cent to Rs226,577 million as at end-March 2019. Net Claims on Central Government went down by Rs1,484 million, or by 7.7 per cent to negative Rs20,773 million as at end-March 2019.

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	Mar-19	Feb-19	Monthly Change		Mar-18	Annual Change	
	(Rs Mn)	(Rs Mn)	(Rs Mn)	(Per Cent)	(Rs Mn)	(Rs Mn)	(Per Cent)
1. Net Foreign Assets	226,577	219,967	6,610	3.0	207,216	19,361	9.3
Claims on Nonresidents	227,102	220,440	6,662	3.0	207,448	19,654	9.5
Liabilities to Nonresidents	525	473	53	11.1	232	293	126.2
2. Domestic Claims	-16,424	-14,954	-1,470	-9.8	-13,909	-2,515	-18.1
A. Net Claims on Central Government	-20,773	-19,289	-1,484	-7.7	-18,395	-2,378	-12.9
B. Claims on Other Sectors	3,923	3,920	3	0.1	3,837	86	2.2
C. Claims on Other Depository Corporations	425	415	10	2.5	648	-222	-34.3
3. ASSETS = LIABILITIES	210,153	205,013	5,139	2.5	193,306	16,846	8.7
4. Monetary Base	101,879	103,485	-1,606	-1.6	96,927	4,952	5.1
A. Currency in Circulation	36,176	35,670	506	1.4	35,152	1,024	2.9
B. Liabilities to Other Depository Corporations	65,532	67,717	-2,186	-3.2	61,685	3,847	6.2
C. Liabilities to Other Sectors	172	98	74	76.1	91	81	88.9
5. Other Liabilities to Other Depository Corporations	63,319	61,797	1,522	2.5	65,900	-2,581	-3.9
6. Deposits and Securities other than Shares, Excluded from Monetary Base	24,888	23,308	1,580	6.8	12,653	12,234	96.7
7. Other	20,067	16,424	3,643	22.2	17,826	2,241	12.6

Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.

Source: Economic Analysis and Research and Statistics Department