

**Table 21: Maintenance of Cash Ratio by Category 1 Banks: December 2003 - April 2004**

<b>Week Ended</b>	<b>Deposit Base<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average Cash Balances Held for the Week</b>	<b>Required Minimum Cash Balances 5.5% of (1)</b>	<b>Excess Cash Holdings</b>	<b>Average Cash Ratios</b>
	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(2) - (3)</b>	<b>(2) / (1)</b>
	(Rs million)				(Per cent)
<b>4-Dec-03</b>	118,793	6,991	6,534	457	<b>5.89</b>
<b>11-Dec-03</b>	119,700	7,404	6,583	820	<b>6.19</b>
<b>18-Dec-03</b>	119,754	7,305	6,586	719	<b>6.10</b>
<b>25-Dec-03</b>	120,165	7,758	6,609	1,149	<b>6.46</b>
<b>1-Jan-04</b>	122,106	7,261	6,716	545	<b>5.95</b>
<b>8-Jan-04</b>	122,239	7,607	6,723	884	<b>6.22</b>
<b>15-Jan-04</b>	121,887	7,833	6,704	1,129	<b>6.43</b>
<b>22-Jan-04</b>	122,235	8,047	6,723	1,324	<b>6.58</b>
<b>29-Jan-04</b>	122,902	8,015	6,760	1,255	<b>6.52</b>
<b>5-Feb-04</b>	123,430	7,601	6,789	812	<b>6.16</b>
<b>12-Feb-04</b>	123,812	7,413	6,810	603	<b>5.99</b>
<b>19-Feb-04</b>	123,282	7,986	6,780	1,206	<b>6.48</b>
<b>26-Feb-04</b>	123,181	8,066	6,775	1,291	<b>6.55</b>
<b>4-Mar-04</b>	123,379	7,861	6,786	1,075	<b>6.37</b>
<b>11-Mar-04</b>	124,756	7,983	6,862	1,121	<b>6.40</b>
<b>18-Mar-04</b>	124,298	8,738	6,836	1,902	<b>7.03</b>
<b>25-Mar-04</b>	124,777	9,290	6,863	2,427	<b>7.45</b>
<b>1-Apr-04</b>	125,659	9,566	6,911	2,654	<b>7.61</b>
<b>8-Apr-04</b>	126,434	8,671	6,954	1,717	<b>6.86</b>
<b>15-Apr-04</b>	126,026	8,486	6,931	1,554	<b>6.73</b>
<b>22-Apr-04</b>	125,168	8,829	6,884	1,945	<b>7.05</b>
<b>29-Apr-04</b>	125,859	8,226	6,922	1,304	<b>6.54</b>

<sup>1</sup> The deposit base is lagged by one week.