

**Table 21: Maintenance of Cash Ratio by Category 1 Banks: October - December 2002**

<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>
	<b>(Rs million)</b>				<b>(Per cent)</b>
<b>03-Oct-02</b>	105,464	5,876	5,801	75	<b>5.57</b>
<b>10-Oct-02</b>	106,375	5,949	5,850	99	<b>5.59</b>
<b>17-Oct-02</b>	105,376	6,084	5,796	289	<b>5.77</b>
<b>24-Oct-02</b>	105,258	5,891	5,789	102	<b>5.60</b>
<b>31-Oct-02</b>	105,215	5,967	5,787	180	<b>5.67</b>
<b>07-Nov-02</b>	105,596	5,969	5,808	161	<b>5.65</b>
<b>14-Nov-02</b>	105,371	6,040	5,795	245	<b>5.73</b>
<b>21-Nov-02</b>	105,616	6,646	5,809	837	<b>6.29</b>
<b>28-Nov-02</b>	106,531	6,120	5,859	261	<b>5.75</b>
<b>05-Dec-02</b>	106,689	6,321	5,868	453	<b>5.92</b>
<b>12-Dec-02</b>	107,157	6,737	5,894	843	<b>6.29</b>
<b>19-Dec-02</b>	107,599	6,825	5,918	907	<b>6.34</b>
<b>26-Dec-02</b>	107,558	6,313	5,916	398	<b>5.87</b>

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