

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

<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>2-Oct-03</b>	117,858	7,155	6,482	673	<b>6.07</b>
<b>9-Oct-03</b>	118,683	6,699	6,528	171	<b>5.64</b>
<b>16-Oct-03</b>	117,950	6,869	6,487	382	<b>5.82</b>
<b>23-Oct-03</b>	117,983	6,940	6,489	451	<b>5.88</b>
<b>30-Oct-03</b>	117,942	7,162	6,487	675	<b>6.07</b>
<b>6-Nov-03</b>	117,967	7,076	6,488	587	<b>6.00</b>
<b>13-Nov-03</b>	118,651	7,102	6,526	577	<b>5.99</b>
<b>20-Nov-03</b>	118,611	7,019	6,524	495	<b>5.92</b>
<b>27-Nov-03</b>	118,657	7,683	6,526	1,157	<b>6.47</b>
<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>

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