

**Table 20: Maintenance of Cash Ratio by Commercial Banks**

<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 (2) - (3)</b>	<b>Average Cash Ratios (2) / (1)</b>
	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(3)</b>		
<b>(Rs million)</b>					<b>(Per cent)</b>
<b>01-Nov-01</b>	94,079	5,358	5,174	184	<b>5.70</b>
<b>08-Nov-01</b>	94,581	5,363	5,202	161	<b>5.67</b>
<b>15-Nov-01</b>	94,810	5,364	5,215	149	<b>5.66</b>
<b>22-Nov-01</b>	94,866	5,233	5,218	15	<b>5.52</b>
<b>29-Nov-01</b>	95,087	5,246	5,230	16	<b>5.52</b>
<b>06-Dec-01</b>	95,173	5,261	5,235	26	<b>5.53</b>
<b>13-Dec-01</b>	95,850	5,304	5,272	32	<b>5.53</b>
<b>20-Dec-01</b>	95,626	5,827	5,259	568	<b>6.09</b>
<b>27-Dec-01</b>	96,567	5,612	5,311	301	<b>5.81</b>
<b>03-Jan-02</b>	98,100	5,557	5,395	162	<b>5.66</b>
<b>10-Jan-02</b>	97,429	5,754	5,359	395	<b>5.91</b>
<b>17-Jan-02</b>	97,909	5,701	5,385	316	<b>5.82</b>
<b>24-Jan-02</b>	97,913	5,514	5,385	129	<b>5.63</b>
<b>31-Jan-02</b>	97,926	6,144	5,386	758	<b>6.27</b>
<b>07-Feb-02</b>	99,048	5,628	5,448	180	<b>5.68</b>
<b>14-Feb-02</b>	99,218	5,550	5,457	93	<b>5.59</b>
<b>21-Feb-02</b>	98,724	5,635	5,430	206	<b>5.71</b>
<b>28-Feb-02</b>	98,961	5,649	5,443	206	<b>5.71</b>

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