

Table 21: Maintenance of Cash Ratio by Category 1 Banks: December 2002 - February 2003

Week Ended	Deposit Base¹	Average Cash Balances Held for the Week	Required Minimum Cash Balances 5.5% of (1)	Excess Cash Holdings	Average Cash Ratios
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(2) - (3)	(2) / (1)
	(Rs million)				(Per cent)
05-Dec-02	106,689	6,321	5,868	453	5.92
12-Dec-02	107,157	6,737	5,894	843	6.29
19-Dec-02	107,599	6,825	5,918	907	6.34
26-Dec-02	107,558	6,313	5,916	398	5.87
02-Jan-03	109,326	6,654	6,013	641	6.09
09-Jan-03	109,763	6,793	6,037	756	6.19
16-Jan-03	109,710	7,101	6,034	1,067	6.47
23-Jan-03	109,659	6,401	6,031	369	5.84
30-Jan-03	109,436	6,579	6,019	560	6.01
06-Feb-03	109,699	6,152	6,034	118	5.61
13-Feb-03	109,447	6,204	6,020	185	5.67
20-Feb-03	108,632	6,138	5,975	163	5.65
27-Feb-03	109,129	6,288	6,002	286	5.76

¹ The deposit base is lagged by one week.