

**Table 26b: Maintenance of Cash Ratio by Banks: 12 January 2006 - 27 July 2006**

<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 4.0% 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>		
	<i>(Rs million)</i>				<i>(Per cent)</i>
12-Jan-06	153,782	7,228	6,151	1,077	<b>4.70</b>
19-Jan-06	154,524	8,157	6,181	1,976	<b>5.28</b>
26-Jan-06	155,377	8,058	6,215	1,843	<b>5.19</b>
02-Feb-06	156,903	7,949	6,276	1,673	<b>5.07</b>
09-Feb-06	157,943	7,095	6,318	777	<b>4.49</b>
16-Feb-06	157,893	6,892	6,316	576	<b>4.37</b>
23-Feb-06	156,841	8,233	6,274	1,959	<b>5.25</b>
02-Mar-06	157,035	8,415	6,281	2,134	<b>5.36</b>
09-Mar-06	159,497	8,480	6,380	2,100	<b>5.32</b>
16-Mar-06	160,653	8,151	6,426	1,725	<b>5.07</b>
23-Mar-06	160,906	8,128	6,436	1,692	<b>5.05</b>
30-Mar-06	160,724	8,134	6,429	1,705	<b>5.06</b>
06-Apr-06	161,091	8,216	6,444	1,772	<b>5.10</b>
13-Apr-06	162,373	7,926	6,495	1,431	<b>4.88</b>
20-Apr-06	161,097	8,076	6,444	1,632	<b>5.01</b>
27-Apr-06	161,113	7,884	6,445	1,439	<b>4.89</b>
04-May-06	161,699	7,920	6,468	1,452	<b>4.90</b>
11-May-06	162,609	7,550	6,504	1,046	<b>4.64</b>
18-May-06	162,454	7,399	6,498	901	<b>4.55</b>
25-May-06	158,466	7,796	6,339	1,457	<b>4.92</b>
01-Jun-06	158,189	7,274	6,328	946	<b>4.60</b>
08-Jun-06	159,093	7,155	6,364	791	<b>4.50</b>
15-Jun-06	158,592	7,818	6,344	1,474	<b>4.93</b>
22-Jun-06	159,948	7,862	6,398	1,464	<b>4.92</b>
29-Jun-06	160,467	8,057	6,419	1,638	<b>5.02</b>
06-Jul-06	161,150	9,014	6,446	2,568	<b>5.59</b>
13-Jul-06	165,065	8,904	6,603	2,301	<b>5.39</b>
20-Jul-06	170,489	8,712	6,820	1,892	<b>5.11</b>
27-Jul-06	171,286	8,190	6,851	1,339	<b>4.78</b>

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

With effect from the week ended 12 January 2006, the cash ratio that banks are required to maintain has been set at 4.0 per cent.

The cash balances consist exclusively of balances held by banks with the Bank of Mauritius.