

**Table 21: Maintenance of Cash Ratio by Category 1 Banks: August - October 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>7-Aug-03</b>	114,721	6,722	6,310	412	<b>5.86</b>
<b>14-Aug-03</b>	116,572	6,549	6,411	138	<b>5.62</b>
<b>21-Aug-03</b>	116,379	6,703	6,401	302	<b>5.76</b>
<b>28-Aug-03</b>	116,342	6,964	6,399	565	<b>5.99</b>
<b>4-Sep-03</b>	116,457	7,022	6,405	617	<b>6.03</b>
<b>11-Sep-03</b>	117,520	6,883	6,464	419	<b>5.86</b>
<b>18-Sep-03</b>	117,700	6,821	6,474	347	<b>5.79</b>
<b>25-Sep-03</b>	117,503	7,265	6,463	802	<b>6.18</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	7,188	6,487	701	<b>6.09</b>

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