

**Table 26: Maintenance of Cash Ratio by Banks\*: March 2005 – October 2005**

Week Ended	Deposit Base <sup>1</sup>	Average Cash Balances Held for the Week	Required Minimum Cash Balances 5.5% of (1)	Excess Cash Holdings (2) - (3)	Average Cash Ratios (2) / (1)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(2) - (3)	(2) / (1)
(Rs million)					(Per cent)
03-Mar-05	137,183	8,187	7,545	642	5.97
10-Mar-05	138,734	8,281	7,631	650	5.97
17-Mar-05	139,003	8,149	7,645	504	5.86
24-Mar-05	138,825	8,732	7,635	1,097	6.29
31-Mar-05	139,322	8,719	7,663	1,056	6.26
07-Apr-05	140,755	8,670	7,742	928	6.16
14-Apr-05	140,456	8,600	7,725	875	6.12
21-Apr-05	140,470	8,682	7,726	956	6.18
28-Apr-05	140,327	8,760	7,718	1,042	6.24
05-May-05	140,668	8,941	7,737	1,204	6.36
12-May-05	141,323	8,802	7,773	1,029	6.23
19-May-05	141,173	8,863	7,765	1,098	6.28
26-May-05	141,077	8,378	7,759	619	5.94
02-Jun-05	141,304	8,242	7,772	470	5.83
09-Jun-05	142,102	8,108	7,816	292	5.71
16-Jun-05	142,240	8,054	7,823	231	5.66
23-Jun-05	142,209	7,918	7,821	97	5.57
30-Jun-05	142,160	8,787	7,819	968	6.18
07-Jul-05	143,443	8,077	7,889	188	5.63
14-Jul-05	142,428	8,607	7,834	773	6.04
21-Jul-05	141,800	8,499	7,799	700	5.99
28-Jul-05	143,002	7,978	7,865	113	5.58
04-Aug-05	143,929	8,036	7,916	120	5.58
11-Aug-05	144,813	8,248	7,965	283	5.70
18-Aug-05	145,671	8,151	8,012	139	5.60
25-Aug-05	144,761	8,442	7,962	480	5.83
1-Sep-05	144,530	9,341	7,949	1,392	6.46
8-Sep-05	145,233	9,254	7,988	1,266	6.37
15-Sep-05	146,894	9,275	8,079	1,196	6.31
22-Sep-05	146,802	9,805	8,074	1,731	6.68
29-Sep-05	147,249	9,750	8,099	1,651	6.62
6-Oct-05	148,149	8,939	8,148	791	6.03
13-Oct-05	149,565	9,047	8,226	821	6.05
20-Oct-05	149,717	9,003	8,234	769	6.01
27-Oct-05	149,128	9,538	8,202	1,336	6.40

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

\*As from the week ended 21 July 2005, all banks have to maintain a cash ratio subject to certain specific provisions.

Prior to that week, only former Category 1 banks were required to maintain a cash ratio.

**Table 27: Cheque Clearances: June 2001 - October 2005**

	Number of Cheques	Amount (Rs'000)	Number of Days	Daily Average	
				Number of Cheques	Amount (Rs'000)
Jun-01	486,126	15,117,852	21	23,149	719,898
Sep-01	426,367	12,684,623	20	21,318	634,231
Dec-01	478,934	16,785,285	19	25,207	883,436
Mar-02	442,251	14,143,507	20	22,113	707,175
Jun-02	414,995	16,102,595	20	20,750	805,130
Sep-02	424,513	15,091,277	20	21,226	754,564
Dec-02	500,649	18,572,024	20	25,032	928,601
Mar-03	430,385	13,565,418	20	21,541	678,524
Jun-03	426,360	14,887,585	21	20,303	708,933
Sep-03	438,657	14,222,486	21	20,888	677,261
Dec-03	530,767	19,904,556	22	24,126	904,753
Mar-04	465,674	15,820,113	22	21,167	719,096
Apr-04	425,931	14,827,378	22	19,361	673,972
May-04	422,107	14,312,690	21	20,100	681,557
Jun-04	438,906	15,754,463	22	19,950	716,112
Jul-04	444,116	15,720,737	22	20,187	714,579
Aug-04	429,733	16,167,982	22	19,533	734,908
Sep-04	426,858	14,871,719	22	19,403	675,987
Oct-04	439,062	15,907,659	21	20,908	757,508
Nov-04	443,598	15,836,126	20	22,180	791,806
Dec-04	529,467	20,577,511	23	23,020	894,674
Jan-05	371,508	12,777,719	19	19,553	672,512
Feb-05	387,450	14,822,347	18	21,525	823,464
Mar-05	431,387	14,506,987	20*	21,558	725,228
Apr-05	420,322	14,794,050	21	20,015	704,479
May-05	456,496	15,098,777	22	20,750	686,308
Jun-05	440,302	15,662,152	22	20,014	711,916
Jul-05	430,522	15,436,409	21	20,501	735,067
Aug-05	461,262	15,799,768	23	20,055	686,946
Sep-05	433,512	16,297,517	21	20,643	776,072
Oct-05	456,504	17,204,923	21	21,738	819,282

\*Our Rodrigues branch worked for 21 days including 24 March 2005 when there was a cyclone warning class 3 in Mauritius.