GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINANCE LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether foreign exchange reserve has shown a declining trend during the last two months;
- (b) If so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to restore and increase the foreign exchange reserve level

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

- (a): India's foreign exchange reserves, which stood at US\$118.5 billion at end-April 2004, increased by US\$889 million to US\$ 119.4 billion at end-May 2004, and stood at US\$ 119.4 billion on June 25, 2004, showing virtually no change over the end-May 2004 level.
- (b) & (c): Does not arise.