

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVE

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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a)whether there is any fluctuation in the level of foreign exchange reserves during the last six months;
- (b)if so, the details thereof, month-wise; and
- (c)the steps taken or proposed to be taken to bring the country's foreign exchange reserves to a comfortable level?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c) The position of foreign exchange reserves since January 2009 to July 2009 in the country is indicated below:

Sl End of Month Foreign exchange reserves  
(US \$ billion)

- 1. January 2009 248.61
- 2. February 2009 249.28
- 3. March 2009 251.74
- 4. April 2009 251.70
- 5. May 2009 262.31
- 6. June 2009 265.14
- 7. July 2009 267.71  
(as on July 24,2009)

The foreign exchange reserves have shown an increasing trend since January 2009. The level of foreign exchange reserves is largely the outcome of the Reserve Bank of India's intervention in the foreign exchange market to smoothen exchange rate volatility and valuation changes due to inter se movement of US dollar against other international currencies in the reserve basket.