

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the foreign exchange reserves have varied from week to week since August 30, 2003, indicating the foreign currency assets, Gold Reserves, and SDRs contents thereof;
- (b) the total foreign debts as on August 30 and November 30, 2003, and the per capita debt in the country;
- (c) whether the Forest Reserves increase was attributable to disinvestment of Public Sector Undertakings; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL):

- (a) The details of India`s foreign exchange reserves (in US \$ million) since week-ending August 29, 2003 are given in the enclosed statement.
- (b) India compiles its external debt data on a quarterly basis i.e. at end-march, end-June, end-September, and end-December. India`s external debt as on end-march 2003 and end-June 2003 stood at US\$ 104.55 billion and US\$ 109.58 billion, respectively. The per capita external debt of India at end-December 2002 stood at US\$ 101.2
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.